

Problem Solving 101 – The Bible Way

2 Corinthians 4:8-18

Introduction

- A problem is something that needs to be solved.
- Life is filled with problems - both easy ones and difficult ones.
- We might wish that we could live in a problem-free world where nothing ever goes wrong, but what did the Lord Jesus Christ tell His disciples to expect in the real world? John 16:33
- Times have not changed much in this regard over the last 2,000 years, so every believer must handle problems the right way - The Bible Way.

How?

By recognizing that problems exist.

1. The believer that is living in today's age can expect problems and troubles and difficulties to be part of his life. 2 Corinthians 4:8
2. Paul said, "We are troubled on every side."
3. Paul continues in verse 8, saying, "...we are perplexed."

By realizing that help is needed.

1. In the Psalms, the psalmist cried out and said, "I am poor and needy!"
2. We have many real problems and we do not have the solution to these problems. We need help!
3. Where should you go for help?
 - "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2
 - According to this verse, who is the One who is able to be your HELPER?
4. Sometimes we fail to realize how much God understands us and the problems that we are going through. God is very familiar with us, our lives, and our worlds. He is ready, willing, and able to help.

By personalizing the fact that God has solved the greatest problem of all.

1. Man's greatest problem is sin.
2. God has solved the greatest problem of all! God sent His beloved Son to be our substitute and to die in our place. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Conclusion

1. God is able to help by strengthening the inside of a believer so that the outside pressures do not crush him or cause him to implode!
2. God must be your Savior before He can be your problem-solver!