

I Peter 1:8 (GW), Although you have never seen Christ, you love Him. You don't see Him now, but you believe in Him. You are extremely happy with joy and praise that can hardly be expressed in words as you obtain the salvation that is the goal of your faith.

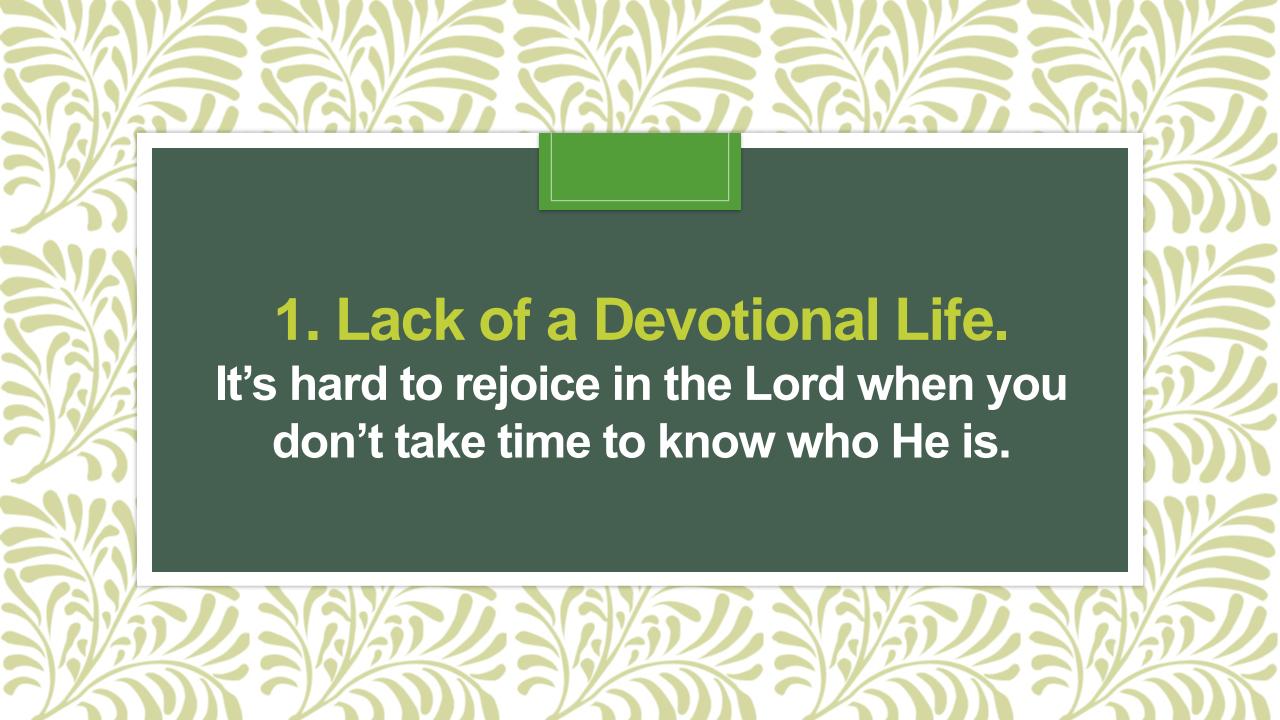
"Christian joy is letting Christ live His life out through you so that what He is you become."

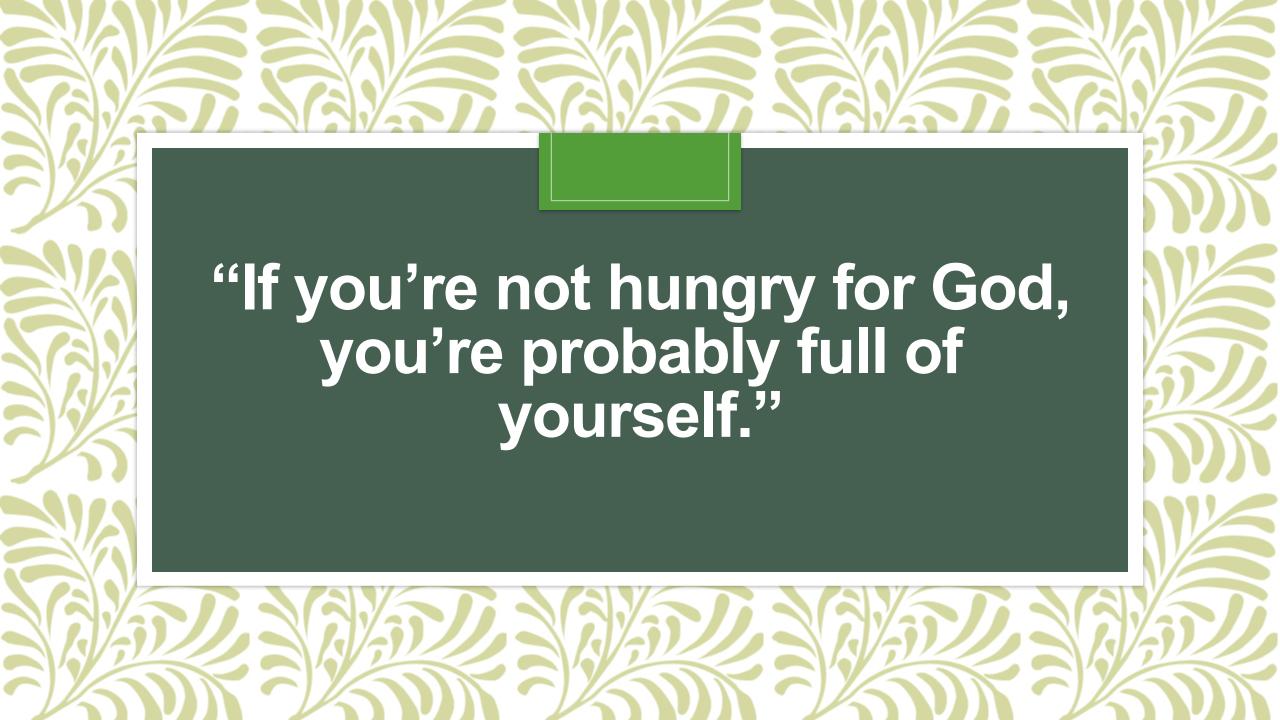
It is a settled assurance, a quiet confidence, and a choice to trust God, no matter the circumstance.



List of Joy Killers

Holding a grudge, entertainment that glorifies what God hates, caring too much about what people think, watching too much news, anger and frustration, making yourself and your needs your top priority, trying to fix, control, and manipulate people and circumstances, pretending to be someone you are not (hypocrisy), living only for today, with no thought for eternity...

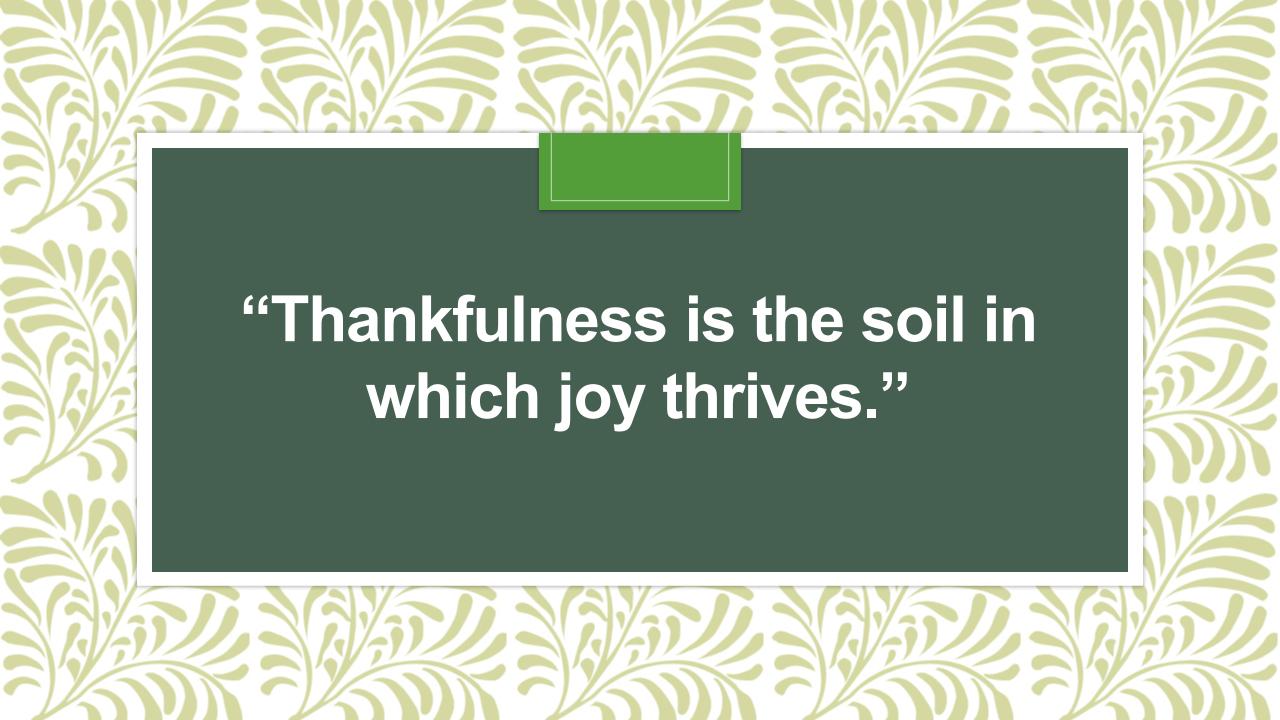




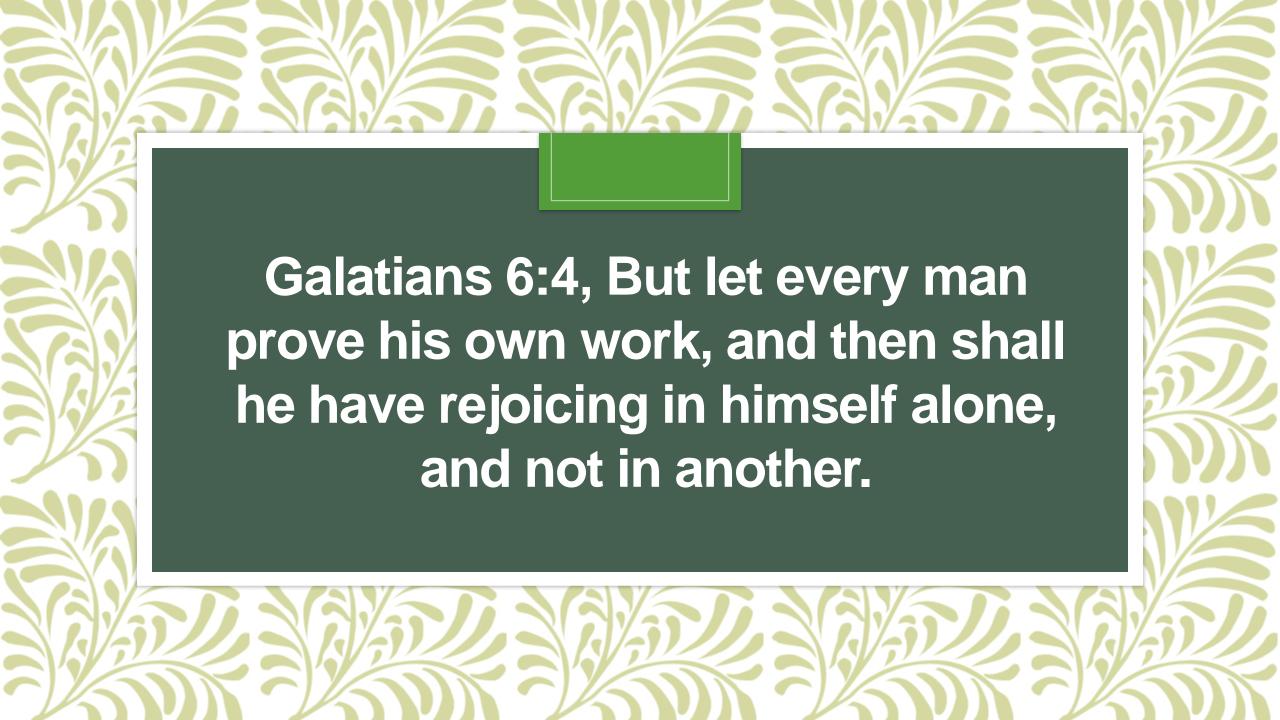
Philippians 4:4-7, Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

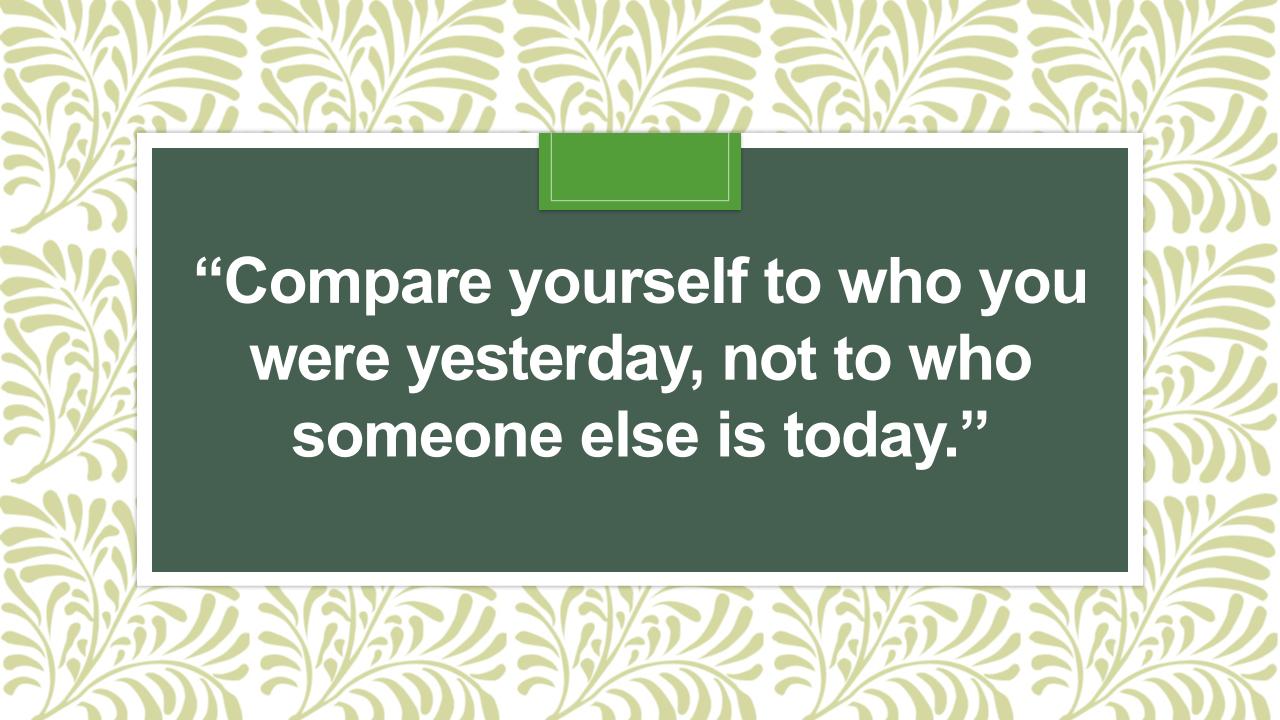


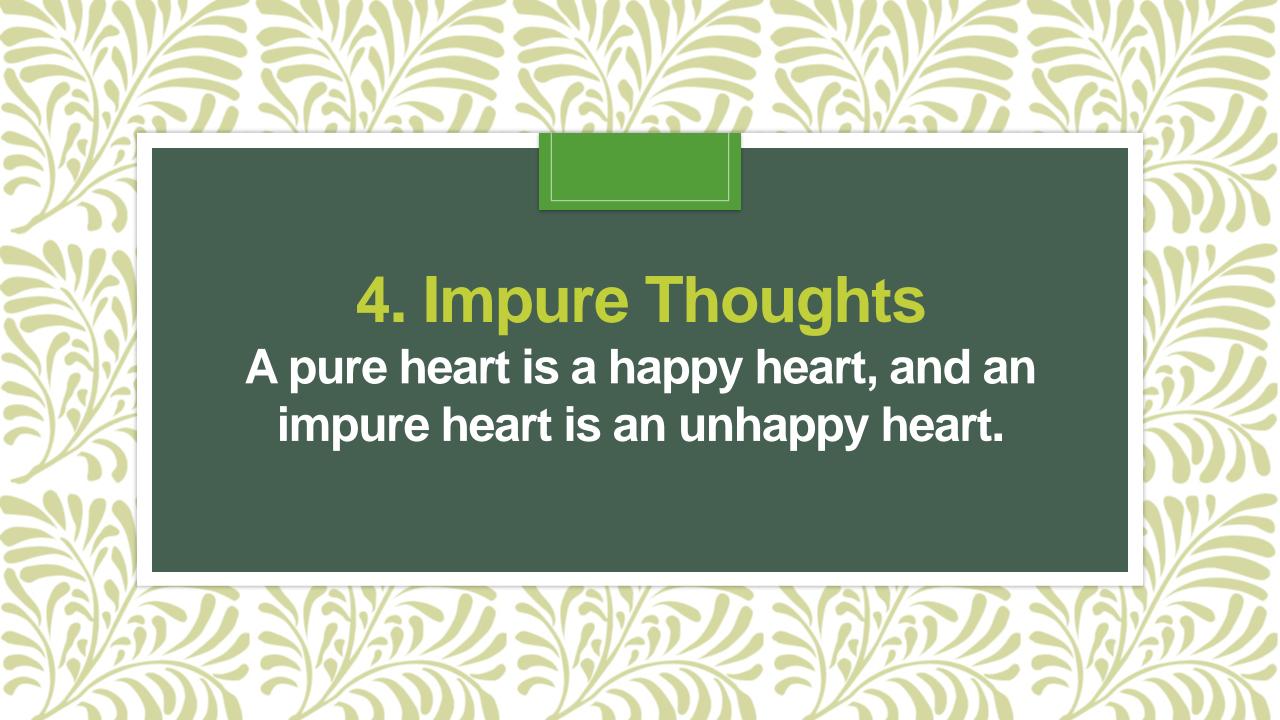




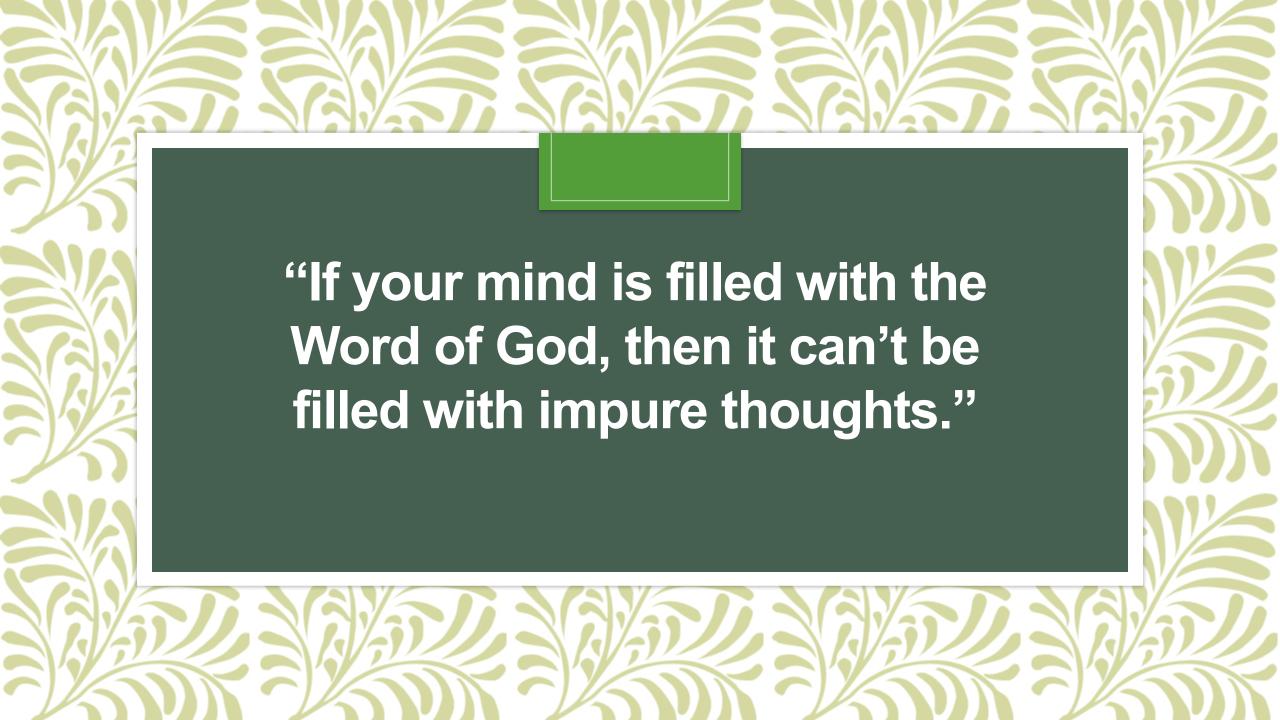


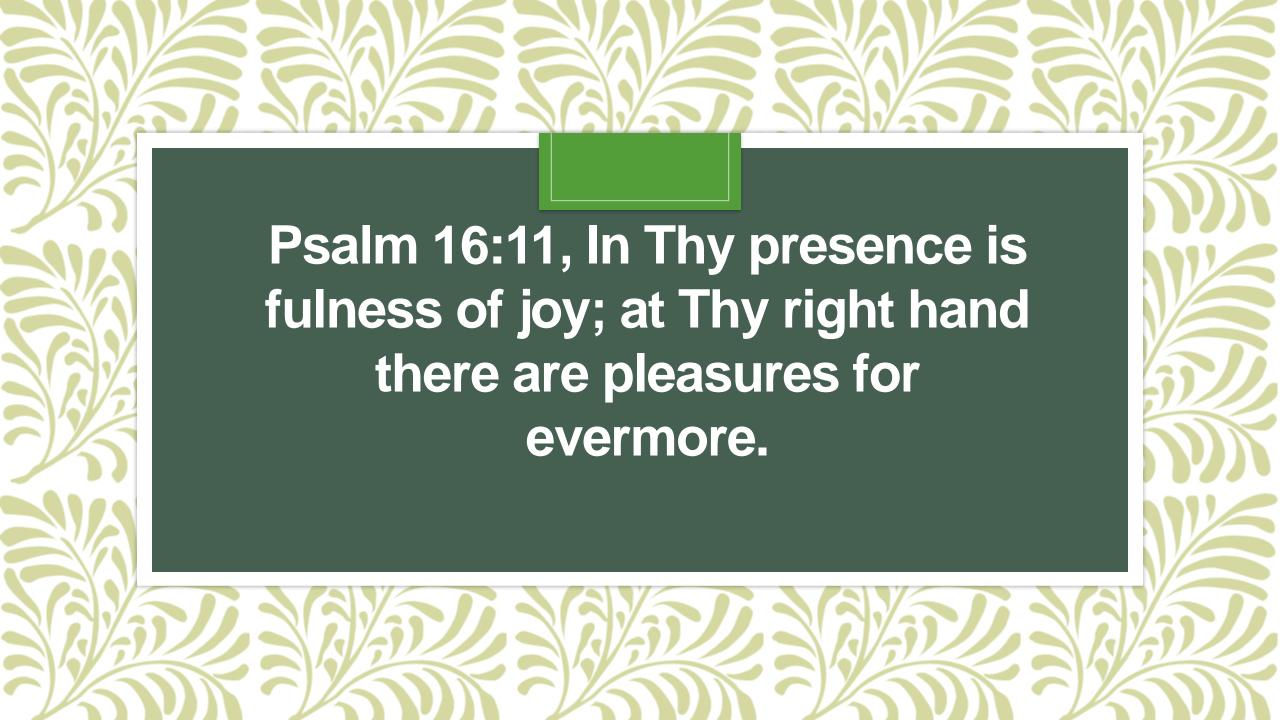




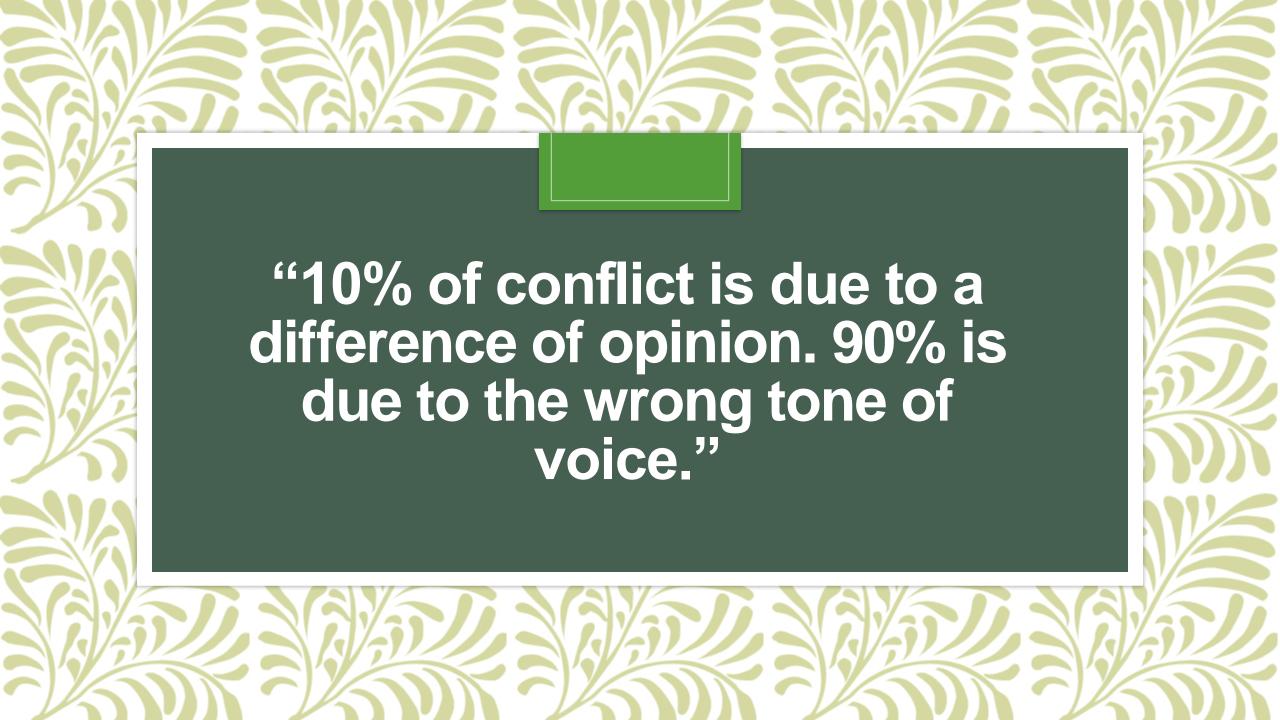






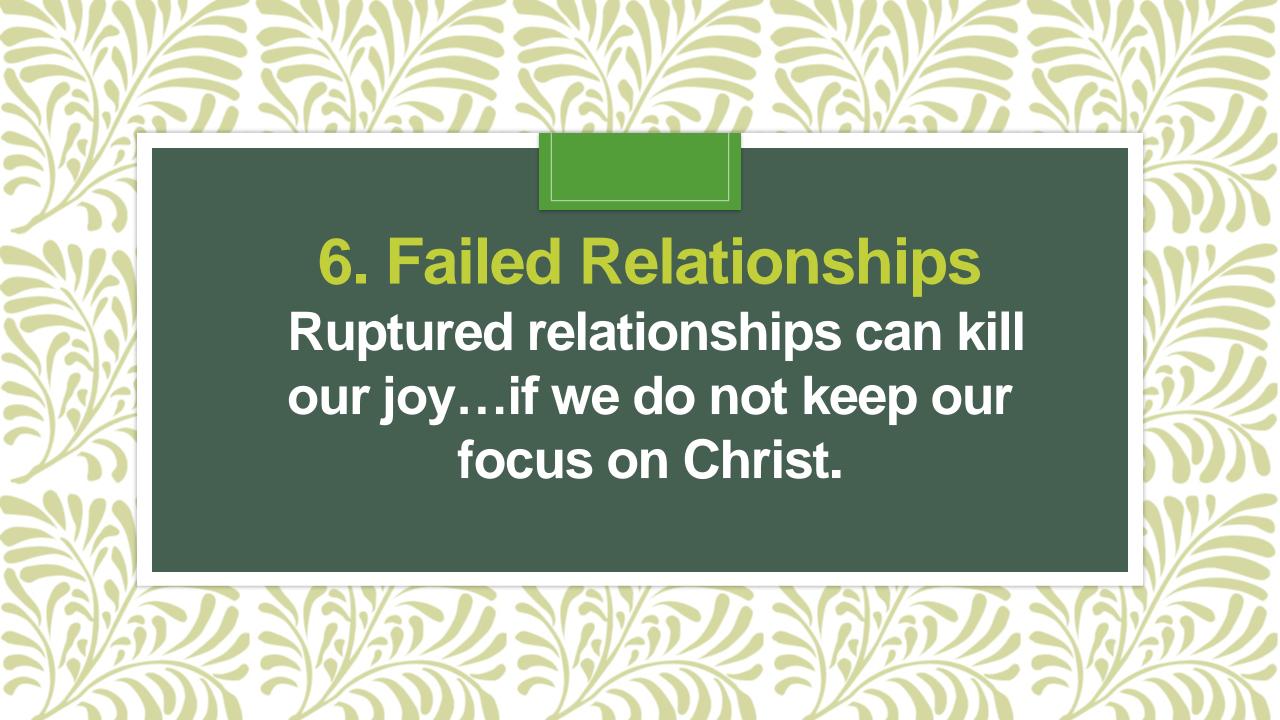




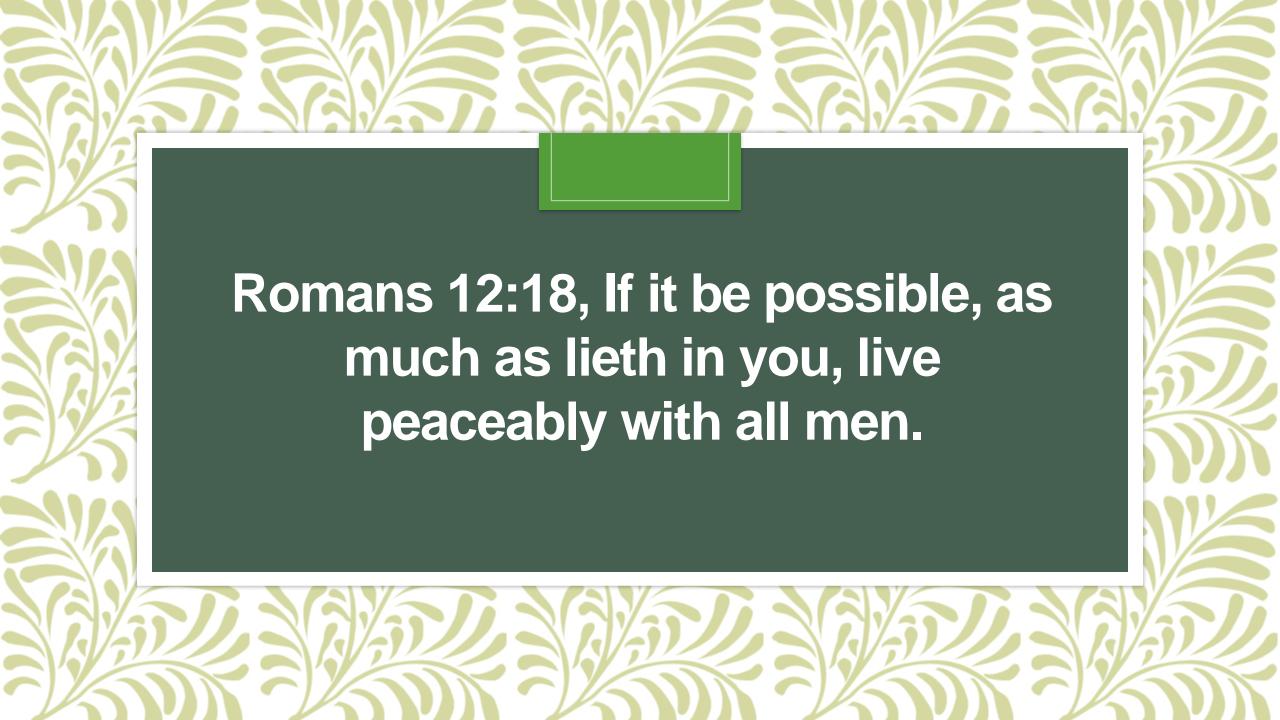




Matthew 18:15, Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him about his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.



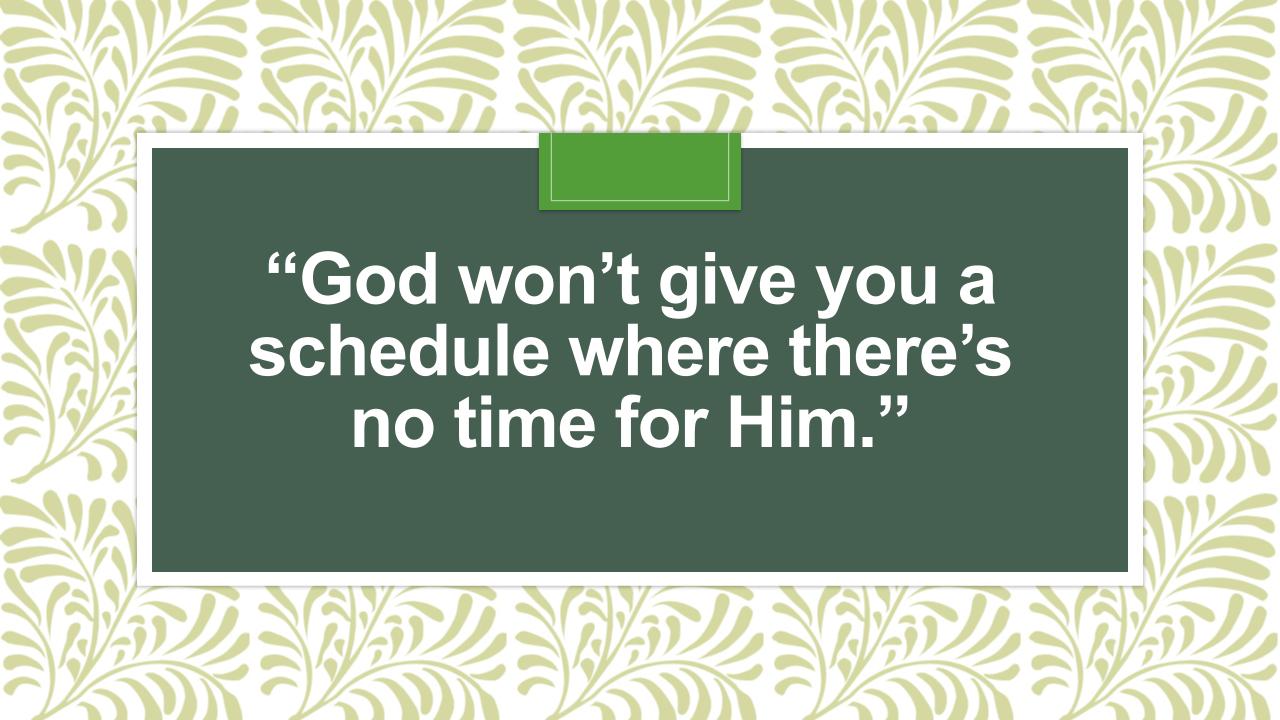




- 1. Mend every relational conflict that we can.
- 2. Sometimes it is impossible to solve a conflict.



Ephesians 5:15-17, See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.





Philippians 4:10-12, 17, But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.... Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

