

How Can Life Get Easier?!

Easy & Light Glasses

Poll: *Who in the last few weeks has been tempted to be offended with someone, tempted to feel the pressure of life OR tempted to get angry or fearful?*

AND how many felt like it was personal OR it was just you going through something?

Told Barat to pray this week...

I don't ask this to glorify the devil or his attacks.

I ask this for 2 reasons:

1. To show you the coordination
2. To expose the devil & his purpose behind the attacks

2Co 2:10-11 (NLT) When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit, **11** so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

2Co 2:10-11 (NASB) But one whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **11** so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

MANY times over the years people have asked me how I handle things so well.

"How are you not mad?!"

"How do you have SO much peace right now?!"

"How are you able to forgive that person?!"

I'm going to show you how to win over the attacks today!

Easy! Water off a ducks back!

VIDEO: Water Off a Duck's Back

You want to get to the place where attacks have nothing to cling to!

NOW... How do we do that?!

2Co 4:16 (NASB) Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Ps. JB:

- *This is why we stay so young*
- *Our inward man, which is the real us, is being renewed day by day*

- *Folks that don't understand this will get old before their time*
- ***We look at trials & situations that arise differently than those without a covenant with God!***

- *The reason we can say this is in verse 17-18*

2Co 4:17 (NASB) For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

- *Paul's light affliction:*
 - *Beaten with 39 stripes 5 times*
 - *Shipwrecked*
 - *Stoned & left for dead*
 - *Plus all the times he was imprisoned*
- *He calls these light afflictions & the reason is in the next verse*

Paul OBVIOUSLY didn't look at these the same way most people see them!

2Co 4:18 (NASB) while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- *What are we looking at?*
- *Are we looking at how things are or are we looking at how they are going to be according to the Word*

LEVER EXAMPLE:

- Whispering → Vain Imaginations
- Unmet Expectations
- Financial Lack
- Sickness or pain
- Offense: Spoke against you/overlooked/didn't get credit
- Overwhelmed

These things cause:

- Vain Imaginations
- Emotional Explosions
- Meltdowns
- Fear
- No faith
- Loss of supply
- Shortened life
- Not pleasing to God
- Leaving Destiny
- Unplanting
- etc

IF You'll See Correctly You'll Have:

- Easy Thinking
- Easy Relationships
- Easy Problem Solving
- Easy Faith
- No Fear
- Easy Provision
- Pleasing to God
- Easy Destiny
- Easy Planting & Nutrition
- Easy LIFE!

Mat 11:28-30 (NASB)

28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "**Take My yoke** upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 "For My yoke is **easy** and My burden is **light**."

Examples of Different Vision & Weight:

Mrk 4:35-41 (NASB)

35 On that day, when evening came, He *said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

36 Leaving the crowd, they *took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.

37 And there *arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they *woke Him and *said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Mat 14:22-33 (NASB)

22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.

23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

Jhn 6:29 (NASB) Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

Jhn 6:34-35 (NASB) Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

Jhn 6:41-43 (NASB)

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven."

42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"

43 Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

Jhn 6:51-53 (NASB)

51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

52 Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

Jhn 6:60-61 (NASB)

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, "This is a difficult [HARD] statement; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?"

Jhn 6:66-69 (NASB)

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."