



How To Solve Every Problem You'll Ever Have

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This study looks at solving life's problems from the perspective of God's Word.

[These notes are from a Bible study taught more than 40 years ago. The notes are in outline form.]

Causes of Problems

A. Outward problem – sinful actions and reactions

B. Outward cause – sinful attitudes

C. Inward problem – sinful desires

D. Inward cause – resisting the will of God

(Surface problem, surface cause, root problem, root cause)

Example

Outward problem – high school boy is a trouble-maker and always in fights

Outward cause – frustrated by father's apparent lack of interest in anything he does and is rebelling and crying out for his dad's attention

Inward problem – a floating root of bitterness towards his dad who broke many promises to him and shows more attention to older brother

Inward cause – rejecting the will of God who would have him forgive his father and work towards a restructuring of relationship with his dad

Example

Outward problem – high school girl gets pregnant out of wedlock

Outward cause – lack of discipline in personal life and lack of personal security in feeling genuine love

Inward problem – moral impurity and temporal value system

Inward cause – rejecting the will of God who would have her be pure and wait for God's timing in finding the right life's partner

Solutions to Problems

God looks at a person's life from a different viewpoint than that person. The solution to problems a person faces is found he or she looks at himself/herself and their problems from God's viewpoint.

The Bible says, "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

God's Viewpoint

- A. God's prescription – before you were born, God prescribed exactly what you were to be like (Psalm 139:13-16)
- B. God's project – after you were born again, God continued to “create” you as a special project of His workmanship. (Ephesians. 2:10)
- C. God's purpose – as God continually works in your life, His purpose is to make you Christ-like. (Romans 8:29)
- D. God's plan – ultimately “every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord,” but until then God's plan for your life is to do all to His glory. (Cor. 10:31)

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