

How's That Workin' For You'
How To Make Decisions That Will Bless You Life
"Why Isn't Life Working?"
(Part 1)
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Deut. 28:1-2 "If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God..." (NLT)

Deut. 28:8-9 "The LORD will guarantee a blessing... If you obey the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways, the LORD will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the LORD, and they will stand in awe of you.

Haggai 1:5-7 "Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. (NIV)

I. Life Isn't Working Because of the Circumstances

A. God uses circumstances to get our _____

Heb. 12:10-11 "For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way." (NLT)

B. Circumstances will get _____

C. Circumstances are proof your plan _____

II. Life Isn't Working Because We've Left God Out of It

II Chron. 7:13-15 "At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place." (NLT)

A. Readjust with _____
“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves...”

B. Readjust by _____
“...and pray and seek my face...”

C. Readjust by turning away from your _____ to God’s new life
“...turn from their wicked ways...”

Jer. 5:25 “Your sin has deprived you of these wonderful blessings. Your sin has robbed you of all these good things.” (NLT)

Ps. 119:59 “I pondered the direction of my life, and I turned to follow your laws.” (NLT)

III. Life Can Work As God’s Blessings Are Restored

Ps. 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” (NIV)

A. Blessing is the result of _____
Ps. 16:11 “You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever” (NLT)
Ps. 37:4 “Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires.” (NLT)

B. Blessing is the result of the removal of _____
“...and restore their land”

C. Blessing is the result of God’s promises being fulfilled