

Picture This, Part 1

Developing a Negative

- **“It’s God’s will to develop our negatives”**

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- **God’s Word**

Ephesians 5:25-26

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

- **God’s Presence**

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **God’s People**

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

1. The Solution of God’s providence.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2. The solution of Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,
You cultivate what you're complaining about

3. The solution of Honor

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.