

Telling the truth about expectations

THE PERFECT GUIDE TO BEING MISERABLE

Misbelief is something we tell ourself that appears true and when repeated often enough, we believe it to be true.

When misbeliefs come in relationships, they are often followed by _____.

2 Kings 5:3-4 *She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."*

Luke 4:27 *And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.*

2 Kings 5:5-6 *"By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."*

Identify your hopes and desires through direct communication, not _____ communication.

When the other person falls short of our expectations, it offends our own personal Law of _____.

2 Kings 5:7 *As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"*

2 Kings 5:8 *When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."*

2 Kings 5:10-12 *Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.*

Don't _____ you know another person's intent.

When pride and unmet expectations collide
_____ resides.

When you demand that others fulfill your expectations, you make _____ a target for defeat.

Don't let your unmet expectations stop you from doing what is _____.

2 Kings 5:14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

2 Kings 5:15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel."

Sometimes the person we put under the Law of Obligation is _____.

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'

God is concerned with quality in our relationships and quality isn't obtained through obligation, it's through _____.

"Ought to"s all have one thing in common: they are a prelude to _____.

God's love is a love of free _____.

Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

"Ought to"s that become "get to"s are opportunities for _____.