

Optimist or Pessimist? (March 19th, 2019)

A Pessimist and an Optimist fell off the roof of a 20-story building. As they passed the fifth floor the pessimist was yelling "Help!" While the optimist cried, "So far so good."

In 1920, 2 shoe salesmen were sent to Africa to open new markets. One wired back, "No one here wears shoes; sales opportunity are impossible; please send money for ticket home."

But the other salesman, saw things very differently. He wired back, "No one here wears shoes; sales opportunities are unlimited; send 5 carloads immediately. Both saw the same circumstances but how different their outlook. As Charles Swindoll put it, "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."

Some of my readers today may be facing challenges and concerns over such things as finances, health issues or future uncertainties. People in the world around us are very pessimistic because many of the secular things trusted in are collapsing.

But, we don't need to follow their mindset. We have resources this world does not have – the privilege of prayer, the promises of God's word, the guidance and comfort of the Holy Spirit, a living Saviour and a wonderful plan of salvation. We must not succumb to despair, even if the world is. Despair is a sin because it denies the existence and sovereignty of an all powerful, all knowing and ever present God.

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up" (Galatians 6:9 LB).

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