

3. Discussion: Accepting these promises

- Study the Scripture for the evidence of God's faithfulness
- Be honest about your own experience
- Commit yourself
- Live assuredly.

4. Conclusion

Accepting the promises of trust not only increases one's peace but also one's effectiveness. I am regularly amazed at this theme in the Psalms...the writer of the sacred literature often confronts odds that would seem insurmountable. He commits it to God and goes His way. God works and all is accomplished for the final good of both the Psalmist and the Lord's integrity. The challenge is to let the promises of trust override of fears and doubts.

These four aspects of our discussion are a beginning in the total picture of personal care. While they do not spell out the whole thing, they do get us started and that is worthwhile.

IV. THE EMOTIONAL LIFE AS A MEANS OF OUTREACH

Romans 12

A. An introductory note

There are many ways of reaching out to others. The presentation of the Gospel may be made in many ways. We preach it, write about it, and give personal testimony to its work. But the area of emotional life is also a powerful tool in the outreach of truth..a tool that many of us overlook. In this brief note I will try to sketch it as I see it...and we can pick up the pieces later.