

ADAPTING WITHOUT LOSING VISION

Managing Life's Challenges with Divine Perspective | Pastor Alton Trimble | Sunday, October 4, 2026

BIBLE DECLARATION This is my Bible It is the word of my God I am what it says I am I can do what it says that I can do I will have everything that the Word of God says that I can have Today, I will hear the Word It will transform my heart It will renew my mind It's being done by the ever-living, Always loving, incorruptible Indestructible, infallible And inerrant Word of my God So, Word of God, live big in me today and every day. In Jesus, Name. Amen

Philippians 4:13 (NASB1995) I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NASB1995) Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 3:16–18 (NASB1995) But whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

RECAP POINTS 1–6

1: ACCEPT THAT LIFE REQUIRES ADAPTATION

Philippians 4:11–13 (NASB1995)

2: DON'T CONFUSE YOUR PLAN WITH GOD'S PURPOSE

Proverbs 16:9 (NASB1995) Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) Proverbs 16:3 (ESV) Genesis 50:20 (NASB1995)

3: DEVELOP THE CAPACITY FOR DIVINE PERSPECTIVE

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John 16:13 (NASB1995) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

5: DON'T JUST ASK GOD TO REMOVE THE CHALLENGE—ASK HIM TO INCREASE YOUR CAPACITY

James 1:2–4 (NASB1995) 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

6: SEE WHAT IS NOT APPARENT

2 Kings 6:15–17 (NASB1995) 15 Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

TODAY'S LESSON POINTS 7–9

7: FACE THE CHALLENGE AND DEAL WITH WHAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU

When challenges arise, there are five important responses that position us to move forward successfully:

1. Know that my life in Christ is the result of His finished work on the cross!

John 19:30 (NASB1995) Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

John 17:4 (NASB1995) I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

2. Know that you are His!

1 John 3:1 (NASB1995) See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Romans 8:31-39 (NASB1995) 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Know that In Him we win because He has already won!

Colossians 2:15 (NASB1995) When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

4. Know that God sends me the help I need!

Hebrews 1:14 (NASB1995) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

5. Know that I take my rest in Him!!!!

Hebrews 4:3 (NASB1995) For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Psalms 4:8 (NASB1995) In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

Proverbs 3:24-26 (NASB1995) When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

25 Do not be afraid of sudden fear nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes; 26 For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

Nehemiah 4:9 (NASB1995) But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.

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7: FACE THE CHALLENGE AND DEAL WITH WHAT IS IN FRONT OF YOU

When challenges arise, there are four important responses that position us to move forward successfully:

- Get determined to win in the midst of the crisis.
- Deal expeditiously with the crisis.
- Face your challenge with the intention of addressing it.
- Lead—take charge and accept responsibility.

8: DON'T LET FEAR MAKE YOUR DECISIONS

Numbers 13:30-31 (NASB1995) 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

Psalms 34:3 (NASB1995) O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

9: BUILD CAPACITY BEFORE THE CRISIS COMES

Romans 12:2 (NASB1995) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.