

DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISILLUSIONMENT

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Life is full of both disappointment and disillusionment. Friends and family often do things that hurt and confuse us. Our favorite movie stars may be self-absorbed and conceited. Popular sports heroes become cheaters and drug addicts. A well-known preacher can begin teaching false doctrines that threaten men's souls. A brother or sister in Christ can turn his/her back on Christ and the church. Any one of these things can bring great disappointment. We wonder if there is anyone or anything on which we can really depend. When the fog of disillusionment finally clears, two things are still there for us:

First, God is still there, and He is as true and faithful as ever. His love and His promises are solid and trustworthy. "For all the promises of God in Him [Christ] are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." {2 Corinthians 1 :20} Our God is the "Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." {James 1: 17b} God will not change suddenly; nor will we ever discover some dark and disappointing secret about Him. What great confidence this gives us!

Second, don't allow any disappointment to blind you to those who are your true friends and faithful brethren. They are still there and ready to lift you up {Hebrews 12:12}. They will be a steady help through good and bad times. Treasure them, and be there when they need your encouragement.

We are unsure where life's paths may lead us. Will difficulties come our way? Sickness? Disappointments? Anything is possible. Are you disappointed and disillusioned? Keep the faith! God is there to help you, and He will never abandon you {Hebrews 13:5,6}.

Allow me to add one more point to this good article. (kmg) Men are frail and creatures of weakness and God gave all of them "free moral agency." Sadly, so many choose to do things that not only hurt themselves but others. Friends are needful and bring much stability into our troubled lives but remember they are limited too. There is only one person we can count on in any situation under circumstance that will never leave our side—God! Are you disappointed and disillusioned? ***