

Subtle Differences

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The definition of Assumption:

1. a thing that is accepted as true or as certain to happen, without proof

The definition of Expectancy:

1. the state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something pleasant, will happen or be the case.

Ok, I'm not exactly sure where I'm going with this but the Lord does. ☺

The Lord showed me this scenario earlier today and it was of me going from place to place like from the grocery store to the library, to the gas station, to a restaurant and every place I went this lady was there. I saw this several different ways.

The 1st time I saw just the woman being there and each time I would look at her, she would just look back at me. I didn't think it was creepy, just a little odd.

The 2nd time I saw the woman at each of these places, and each time I looked at her she would smile. Again, not creepy... just a little odd.

The 3rd time I saw the woman at each of these places, but this time, at each place, she waved for me to come to her and when I did she gave me \$5.00 – this was at each place.

Then I heard the above two words, assumption and expectancy.

Expecting that the woman will be there becomes a point. Assuming that she is going to look at me becomes another. Expecting that she is going to smile at some point is a thought. I could also assume that her smile means she is happy. I could begin to expect that she will give me money with each place I see her or I can assume that just because she gave me money at one place, she will give me money at the other – or I could assume that she's rich, when she could be giving me her last \$5.00.

There are I'm sure, different ways I could/should react to each of these scenarios. I will let you all have a moment with the Lord on how He wants you to react to them verses how you would react to them in your flesh. Remember, God will never let us down – if we have been hurt from someone because of things expected, maybe this is a time to allow the Lord to minister to that area of our hearts. As well, if we have assumed someone would come through for us and they didn't – maybe there's a standard we have held that needs to be re-evaluated. Times (season), situations, and life in general, can change so many things.

I certainly don't have all the answers, but God does. This is a very real struggle because most of us have been hit with unrealistic or unmet expectations or have made assumptions based on trust we have put in people we love.

I believe the Lord wants to move us out of the assumption realm and into the expectant place with Him – I think He wants us to expect that He will be there and answer us when we need and that He will bless us. However, to assume that He will do anything just because He's done it before will cause our faith to diminish and being expectant is what breeds hope – and faith is the substance of things hoped for not assumed. We should never take God's provision for granted, as well, we should always hope for His lavish love in ways we need most.

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1 Corinthians 13:7

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Psalm 62:5 - For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him

