

Hope Therapy!

I. The Truth & The Lie

A. All Creation is Full of Goodness!

Everything he made is packed FULL of GOODNESS

Gen. 1- TOV 6 times. MEOD TOV 7th time (exceedingly, excessively!). 92 words 92 elements 34 verses

Image, Likeness, blessed, fruitful, multiplying (seed), fill, subdue, dominion

B. The Truth: God's Thoughts Toward You are SHALOM!

In Spite of Current Perception, God's Plans for You involve Success!

Jer 29:11 NKJ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil, **to give you a future and a hope.**

Plans to Prosper You and Not to Harm You!

12 Then you will **call** upon Me and **go** and **pray** to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will **seek** Me and **find** Me, when you **search** for Me with **all your heart.**

Accessing Divine Thoughts — a journey, desire & transformation into whole hearted living

C. The Lie —We are “ON OUR OWN” separated from LOVE

Because we don't experience God in our darkened heart a whole system of “non-God” thinking builds defensive structures.

2 Cor 10:4 ESV For the weapons of our warfare ... have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and **every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God,**

and take **every thought** (νόημα - thought process, mindset) captive to obey Christ, 6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

II. What if? We Lived in Love and Changed our Focus

A. Total Access to Abundance is programed into Creation **All Access is Granted to Love**

Rom 8:28 NKJ And we **know** that **all things** work together for **good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

To live IN LOVE is to live in God! Unlimited Possibilities!

B. The Focus of the Heart Determines the Degree of Overflow

Prov 15:15 NKJ All the days of the afflicted *are* evil,

But he who is of a **merry** heart *has* a **continual feast**.

Focus of the TOV LEV

1. God is good & all He made
2. Creation is Full of Unlimited Resources— **all things are possible** — Luke 1:38, Matt 17:20 - "as a mustard seed"
3. Humans Govern in Love Ps 8 All things under our feet.
4. Unconditional Love unlocks the Bounty
5. It's a **continual** state of "**too much** to eat!"

Matt 6:9 ESV Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your **name**.

10 Your **kingdom** come, (Rom 14:17)
your **will** be done, (1 Thess 5:16-18)
on earth as it is in heaven.

13 ... **deliver** us from **evil**.

III. Normal Christian Life: Absurd Joy, Unbroken Connection, Unconditional Gratitude

- 1 Thess 5:16 ESV **Rejoice** always,
17 **pray** without ceasing,
18 **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
23 Now may the God of peace himself **sanctify you completely**, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

IV. Commission to Hope Therapy!

Rom 15:13 NIV May the **God of hope fill** (πληρωω- fill to overflow, pervade with influence, fully possess) **you** with **all joy** and **peace** as you trust in him [in believing], **so that**

you may overflow (περισσεύω - over and above, abound, superfluous in quantity) **with hope**
by the power of the Holy Spirit!

14 I myself am **convinced**, my brothers, that you yourselves are **full** (μεστος - replete, full beyond expectation or appropriateness) **of goodness, complete** (perfect tense πλήρη - fill to overflow, pervade with influence, fully possess) **in knowledge** and **competent** (δυνάμος - powerful, able) **to instruct** one another.

Ps 24:7 PT So **wake up**, you **living gateways!**

Lift up your heads, you **ageless doors of destiny!**

Welcome the King of Glory,

for **he is about to come through you.**