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## HI RES LIVING

Text: Romans 12:2

You can't begin to move straight ahead in life until you get rid of some "*stinking* thinking" and begin to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God's perspective. Ref: Romans 12:2

1. See yourself as God sees you.

What is God's perspective? It's this: Even though your life may have been marred by sin, and even though -- like every other person on the planet -- you've done things that are wrong that you surely regret, in spite of this, you are a person of great value to God. He loves you. He cherishes you. Ref: Zeph.3:17

The message of the gospel is that no matter what has happened in the past, God loves you and believes in you and he offers you a new life in Christ and he can help you become the person you are capable of becoming. Ref: 2 Corinthians 5:17

God doesn't just see you as someone who needs to be forgiven, he sees you as someone who has the potential to become good -- not full of yourself, but full of his \_\_\_\_\_, with the \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in his righteousness. Ref: 2 Corinthians 5:21

God created you to live in victory. He created you to live a full and happy and healthy and well-adjusted and meaningful and eventful and purposeful life.

In order to stay on track and keep moving straight ahead in your life, you've got to learn to view reality from God's perspective.

2. See others as God sees others.

We need to realize that God's opinion of others is the \_\_\_\_\_ as his opinion of you. No matter who they are or what they believe. He loves you, he loves them. He wants all mankind to be saved

As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. (Acts 8:3 KJV)

We need to remember that every havoc-wreaking Saul has the potential to become a world-changing Paul. No one is too far gone for God's grace. Keep this in mind not only when you look at yourself, but when you look at those around you.

3. See each situation as God sees each situation.

I want you to understand today that it is impossible to move straight ahead if you believe that life is a random chaotic mess and that God doesn't care and couldn't do anything about it if he did.

We may see a situation as impossible, but the Bible reminds us that with God nothing is impossible. Ref: Matthew 19:26

We may see a situation as the worst thing that could possibly happen, but the Bible reminds us that God causes all things to work together for good. Ref: Romans 8:28

We may think that the world is random and chaotic, but the Bible reminds us that God has a purpose and a plan for history.

The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand."  
Isaiah 14:24

Ref: Book *See You At The Top*. Ziglar

Ref: Book *Blue Like Jazz*. (2003) Donald Miller <http://storylineblog.com/>