

Don't let the Devil get you down.



DISCOURAGEMENT IS ONE OF THE DEVIL'S FAVORITE WEAPONS. He tries to get us looking at our own mistakes, sins, weaknesses, and failures. The Devil, the accuser of the saints, picks on all the little things, all our tiny faults. If he can't discourage us any other way, he tries to belittle us and belittle what we're doing. He whispers the lies that are the most easily believed, either about us or about other people.

But the Bible doesn't say to look at yourself or others. It doesn't say to look at all the problems and troubles either. It says, "Look to Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2).

What does it mean to be discouraged?—It means to not be encouraged, to be without courage, or when courage is at a low ebb. Discouragement is really a loss of faith.

"Faith comes by hearing the Word of God" (Romans 10:17), so when you get discouraged, the quickest remedy is to start praying and reading the Word and quoting Scriptures and telling the Devil he's a liar. That's how your faith will grow, and as it does, the doubts will flee and you'll be on the road to victory again. So when things look darkest, don't look down, look up! Start praising the Lord and you'll often praise your way right out of the pit into which the Devil is trying to cast you!