

# "Before You GIVE UP or GIVE IN!"

## Psalm 73

**Self-Test 1:** (Rate yourself on this scale)

Optimist ----- Pessimist

\_\_\_\_\_ was the human author of Psalm 73.  
(Psalm 73; 1 Chronicles 6:31-39; 15:16-19; 16:1-7, 37-38, 25:1-2)

### SECRETS IN LIFE:

1. FOCUSING ON OTHERS WILL DEPRESS US. (Psalm 73:1-12)
2. FOCUSING ON OURSELVES WILL DISAPPOINT US (Psalm 73:13-16)
3. FOCUSING ON GOD WILL:
  - give us an eternal perspective. (Psalm 73: 17-20)
  - show us who we really are. (Psalm 73: 21-22)
  - show us who He really is. (Psalm 73: 23-24)
  - show us what we really have. (Psalm 73: 25-28)

### TWO QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- Do I measure God's blessings by the prosperity of life, or my closeness to Him?
- How is God a daily focus in my life?

**Self-Test 2:** (Rate what you believe about the Bible)

100% Word of God -----100% Stories and Myths

## KEYS A CHRISTIAN OPTIMIST UNDERSTANDS:

- “Faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse.”
- “God loves people because of who **God** is, not because of who **we** are.”
- “In a nutshell, the Bible from Genesis 3 to Revelation 22 tells the story of a God’s immense desire to get his family back.”
- “Biblical optimism is the result of faith in the character of God.”