

Chapter 11: Surely goodness and love will follow me . . .

This bold statement requires a personal attitude check. The boldness comes from an underlining confidence that our great Shepherd is and always will be with us. We don't have to worry because we stay in the care of a Shepherd who will continually overflow our lives with His goodness and love.

But our attitude can hinder the realization of God bestowing His goodness and love upon us. Let's look at some attitudes that can hinder our stating this statement with confidence.

Attitude #1: Worry until it's fixed or I see evidence of God working.

Philippians 4:6, 7

1 Peter 5:7

Romans 8:28

Isaiah 26:3

Attitude #2: Leaving trails of sadness or self-pity behind.

Jeremiah 20:14-18

John 16:33

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Romans 5:3

Attitude #3: Inability to overlook faults and weaknesses in others.

Proverbs 17:9

Matthew 6:14

If you recognize yourself in one or more of the attitudes above, then make a commitment to change your attitude by meditating on the Scriptures we have talked about here along with searching the Scriptures for other references.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51: 10-12