Negative and Positive
11/7/26

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – This is a subject that I have spoken about – on many, many occasions
- Comment – one such occasion – 2 messages on 8/29/20
- Comment – I chose this subject today – because of the midterm elections
- Title in my files – "Negative and Positive"
- My common phrase – "Recognize Negative, Dwell on Positive"

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1. Build on a Positive Foundation

Matt. 7:24-25 built his house on the rock
26-27 built his house on the sand

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2. Recognize the Negative

Prov. 14:15 the simple believe every word – the prudent look well to their going
Luke 14:28-33 Son of God said – "count the cost"
28-30 evaluate –
will you finish the tower?
do you have enough workers?
31-32 evaluate –
will you win the war?
do you have enough soldiers?
where will you be fighting?
what terrain and what conditions?
are you properly equipped?
do you have enough supplies?
how long will the war last?
what will it take to agree upon peace?
33 evaluate –
will you be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
what does He expect?
what are His instructions?
what was His example?
what obstacles did He face?
what obstacles will you face?
what help did He receive?
do you have access to that same help?
1 Sam. 26:21-24 David recognized the negative about Saul – he avoided him

Job 2:13	for 7 days – the three friends kept quiet – (listened)

(Are you good at letting people vent?)
(Are you effective at letting people vent?)
(Have you sometimes not allowed people to have positive venting?)
(Have you sometimes allowed venting to go too long?)
(Have you learned to effectively influenced people to be positive?)

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3. Dwell on the Positive

Num. 13:26-33	the spies recognized some positive – but they dwelt on the negative
30	Caleb recognized the negative – but he dwelt on the positive
Psalm 31:4	David recognized the net
13	David recognized the slander – the schemes
20	David recognized plots of men – the strife of tongues
24	conclusion – good courage – hope in the Lord
John 8:59	Christ recognized the danger – He hid
John 10:39-40	Christ recognized the danger – He hid
Rom. 8:18	Paul recognized the suffering – he compared it to the glory
2 Cor. 1:8-10	Paul recognized the negative
	"our trouble"
	"pressed beyond measure, above strength"
	"despaired even of life"
	"sentence of death"
	Paul dwelt on the positive
	trusted in God – who raises the dead
	trusted in God – who delivered, does deliver, will deliver
2 Cor. 4:17	affliction – light affliction compared to God's promises
18	the things which are not seen – are eternal