

“Emotional Bank Account—Part 2”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued a series with a presentation titled “Emotional Bank Account—Part 2.” Following are the subtitles of the first two presentations.

- The subtitle for the first presentation was “Father and Son Make Deposits Into Your Emotional Bank Account.”
- The subtitle for the current presentation was “God Made Positive Withdrawals From Christ’s Emotional Bank Account.”

Deposits are good, withdrawals are bad

The general premise of the emotional bank account is that deposits are good and withdrawals are bad. In human endeavors, that is often true.

Author Stephen Covey wrote about “the Emotional Bank Account” in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Following are excerpts.

On page 188, Covey wrote: “We all know what a financial bank account is. We make deposits into it and build up a reserve from which we can make withdrawals when we need them. An Emotional Bank Account is a metaphor that describes the amount of trust that’s been built up in a relationship. It’s the feeling of safeness you have with another human being.

“If I make deposits into an Emotional Bank Account with you through courtesy, kindness, honesty and keeping my commitments to you, I build up a reserve. Your trust toward me becomes greater, and I call upon that trust many times if I need to. I can even make mistakes and that trust level (that emotional reserve) will compensate for it.”

Later in this series

As this series progresses, we are going to focus upon Covey’s words to reach the following goals.

- We want to make good deposits into the lives of other people.
- We want to deal with the negative withdrawals that people make toward us.

But, before we discuss those concepts, we are going to review how God dealt with His Son—because that approach can be very helpful to us in our Christian walk.

Reminder about the Father's deposits

Let's notice what Paul wrote in Romans 8:31-39.

- Romans 8:31—If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Romans 8:32—Since God did not spare His own Son (but delivered Him up for us all), how can we doubt that He is giving so much to us?
- Romans 8:33—Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?
- Romans 8:34—The Son of God died for us, and He is risen at the right hand of God, making intercession for us.
- Romans 8:35—None of the following seven things can separate us from the love of Christ.

Tribulation.

Distress.

Persecution.

Famine.

Nakedness.

Peril.

A sword.

- Romans 8:37—We are conquerors through Him who loved us.
- Romans 8:38-39—None of the following things can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Neither death nor life.

Neither angels, principalities nor powers.

Neither things present nor things to come.

Neither height nor depth.

Not any other created things.

Both withdrawals and deposits

It is important to realize that, when the Father made deliberate withdrawals from His Son, He was making deposits for all of mankind.

- Matthew 16:21—Withdrawals from the Son—to suffer and to be killed.
- Matthew 26:37-38—Withdrawals from the Son—facing heavy sorrow and stress.
- Matthew 27:46—Withdrawals from the Son—facing a portion of His trial alone.
- Romans 5:6-10—Withdrawals from the Son—dying for sinners.
- Hebrews 5:7-8—Withdrawals from the Son—experiencing obedience to the Father.
- 1 Peter 2:19-21—Withdrawals from the Son—suffering even though He was innocent.

To reiterate—when the Father made deliberate withdrawals from His Son, He was making deposits for all of mankind.

Reminder

These first couple of Bible studies were designed to focus upon the wonderful deposits and how His withdrawals helped mankind.

As we continue in this series, we are going to talk about the following Christian-living goals.

- We want to make good deposits into the lives of other people.
- We want to deal with the negative withdrawals that people make toward us.