

## 2-23-2023 - Thoughts to Consider

While so many of us look for answers and relief; whether it be from weather, political turmoil at home - within our nation – or the world, answers to our daily “challenges”, or help for our Posts – Districts – Department, there is a place to go. In Jeremiah 29:11-13, God tells us: *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

All we have to do is to go to Him, and ask for His forgiveness, for His help, be a reflection of His Love, and not forgetting His Blessings. If we did, wouldn't our perspective be more to the “Positive” than the “Negative”? As I posted on Facebook yesterday, having borrowed/stollen it from the “Ohio Dept. Chaplains Facebook Page”, what a difference it could make:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

***Love** is patient, **love** is kind. **It** does not envy, **it** does not boast, **it** is not proud. <sup>5</sup>**It** is not rude, **it** is not self-seeking, **it** is not easily angered, **it** keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>**Love** does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>**It** always protects, **it** always trusts, **it** always hopes, **it** always preserves.” (NIV)*

Now read this passage again but replace the words in **Bold** with **your name**. Is it still true?

I know that I certainly have work to do here and I suspect you do, too. But, if we spent more of our energies here, wouldn't our lives be more pleasant and our problems less? Yes, there is certainly Healing that is needed, but that Healing comes through His Love and Forgiveness.

***Dear Lord, we come to You asking for You forgiveness for those things that we have done and things that we have not done that may have hurt others. We Thank You for being with us day by day and all the blessings You have given to us and to this nation. We ask for Your help, guidance, and wisdom to bring us closer to You and to others in Brotherly Love, and to help us see what Your plans are for us now and on into eternity. All this we ask in Your Holy Name. For God and Country. Amen.***