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Are you a genuine optimist or do you have a problem seeing the bright side of anything? Do all your doors have **handles** and **hinges** or only **locks** and **latches**? Are you one who constantly majors on the minors and chronically complains about every single thing?

A. L. Todd reminds us, "[We can complain because rosebushes bear thorns, or we can rejoice because thorn bushes bear roses.](#)" It just all depends on what we choose to focus on. One mortician has a sign on his desk that helps him to keep his daily perspective. It reads, "And day above ground is a good one."

I heard about one "soured sister" who was asked by her more "lively" friend why she always had to see the proverbial glass as being half empty. The pessimist quickly corrected her upbeat friend. "I don't always see the glass as half empty! Most of the time, it's completely empty."

We all know these people. They can easily brighten a room just by leaving it. They have adopted that old **Hee Haw** medley as the theme song of their life: "Gloom, despair, and agony on me, deep dark depression excessive misery. If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all, gloom, despair, and agony on me."

Consider again Proverbs 17:22: "*A cheerful heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*" What a difference a positive attitude makes on the people around us. [Attitude creates the atmosphere for life.](#) Unhappy people usually create more unhappy people. Misery really does like company!

May I encourage you to cheer up and be encouraged! The Bible says of King David that he, "*encouraged himself in the Lord.*" Sometimes there's just nobody else near by to do it for us.

It's not over yet! It's probably not even as bad as it seems! God's still on His throne and in control. Life is worth the living when you remember Who's really in charge.

See you in church
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