

AUTHENTIC OPTIMISM



**CHANGED
PRIORITIES
AHEAD**



Can't judge a fortune 500 company from a gaggle of geeks?





Origin of the Apple logo: this complex logo features Isaac Newton sitting below an apple tree. The words **APPLE COMPUTER CO.** were drawn on a ribbon banner ornamenting the picture frame. The frame itself held a quotation from Wordsworth: "Newton...A Mind Forever Voyaging Through Strange Seas of Thought...Alone."

Results beyond our thoughts
will arise from these
beginnings in which we now
participate.

Ephesians 3:20, The Distilled
Bible

But for you who fear My name, the sun of
righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and
you will go forth and skip about like calves from the
stall. Malachi 4:2

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

I have come that they might have life and have it in
overflowing measure. John 10:10b

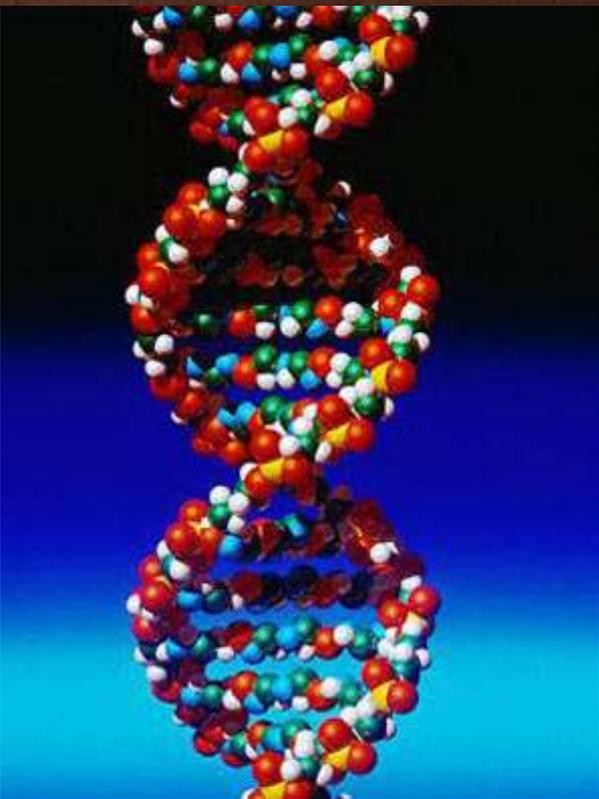
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1 Cor. 13:7

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I Cor. 13:7

intense, authentic optimism



There is a spiritual version of "optimism"
that might be a Kingdom hallmark,
rather than a nice human trait.



The 12" Drop

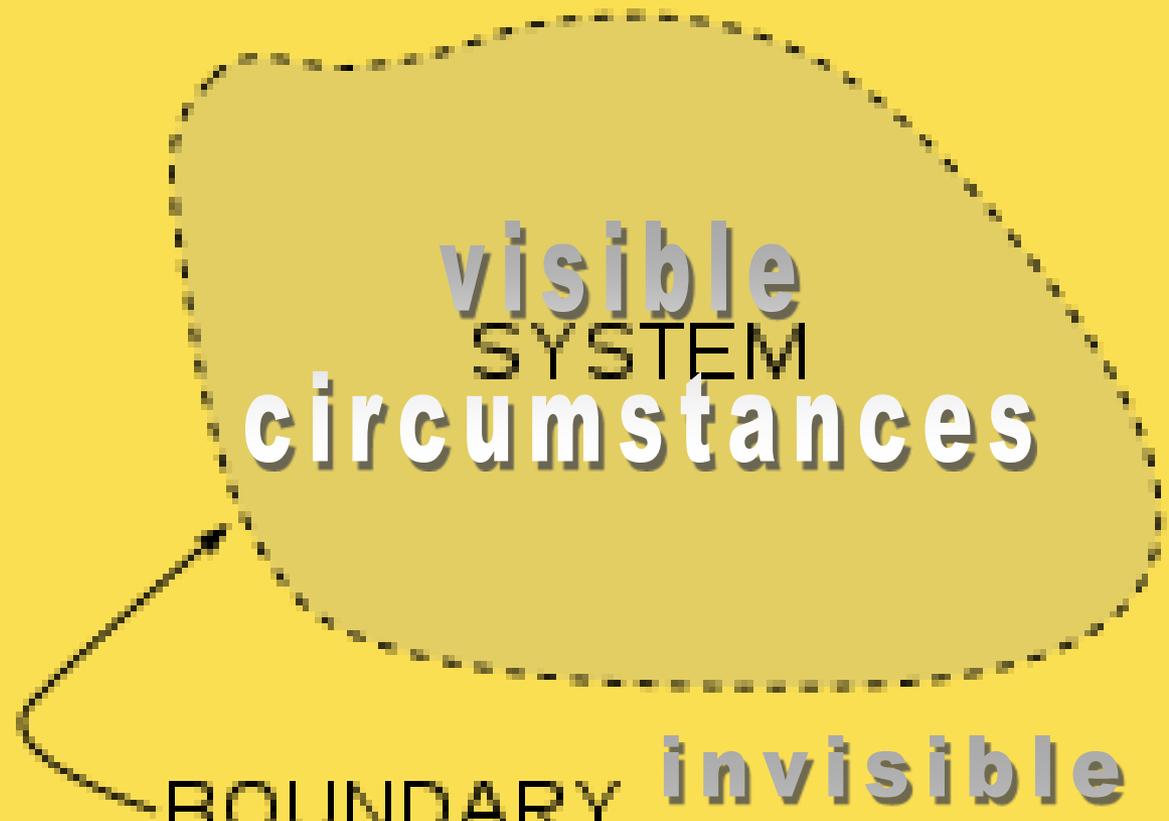


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OPEN VS. CLOSED

SURROUNDINGS



visible
SYSTEM
circumstances

BOUNDARY **invisible**
Kingdom
resources



**the
view
through
the
cross**



DON'T



MIND THE GAP

What if the moments of mind-blowing glory-encounter in which we were intoxicated with God were meant to be educational as well as experiential?

What if laughter from heaven was meant to wash our minds with the fresh realization that this whole thing is impossibly ridiculous BUT FOR GOD!!!!?

TAKE A LOOK AGAIN AT WHAT WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE!!!!

Access to a perfect God...an access in which we do not have to check ourselves before approaching...

A completely redemptive death died for us without us being there...or even knowing about it...

A book full of promises that are true for us now, simply because of our restored connection with God (not because we “did” anything)...

The Spirit—essence, reality, empowering entrance—of God dwelling inside us, regardless of our devotional piety or lack thereof...simply because we accept a death and resurrection on our behalf...

A connection to the resources of another invisible realm in which there is only unending supply...

A union with God which aligns every other element of life and even organizes our thought patterns...

A purpose and destiny which is not an end in itself but rather a part of a large redemptive drama—a metanarrative of God-interaction with mankind—a vital role in the most important thing in the universe...

EVEN WHEN I'M TRYING TO BE THE MOST "REALISTIC", it occurs to me that this is a "RIDICULOUSLY OPTIMISTIC GOSPEL" that we have!

It's an impossible Gospel, therefore, if you're going to believe it, why not have the whole mind-shift—why not embrace a spirit-born open system view that isn't even in the realm of human effort?

**We live in
a time when
a view of the
unseen matters...**



For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation of insight into mysteries and secrets in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:17-18,
The Amplified Bible

