

“Letting Go of Cynicism”

Surprised by life

Hurt by others

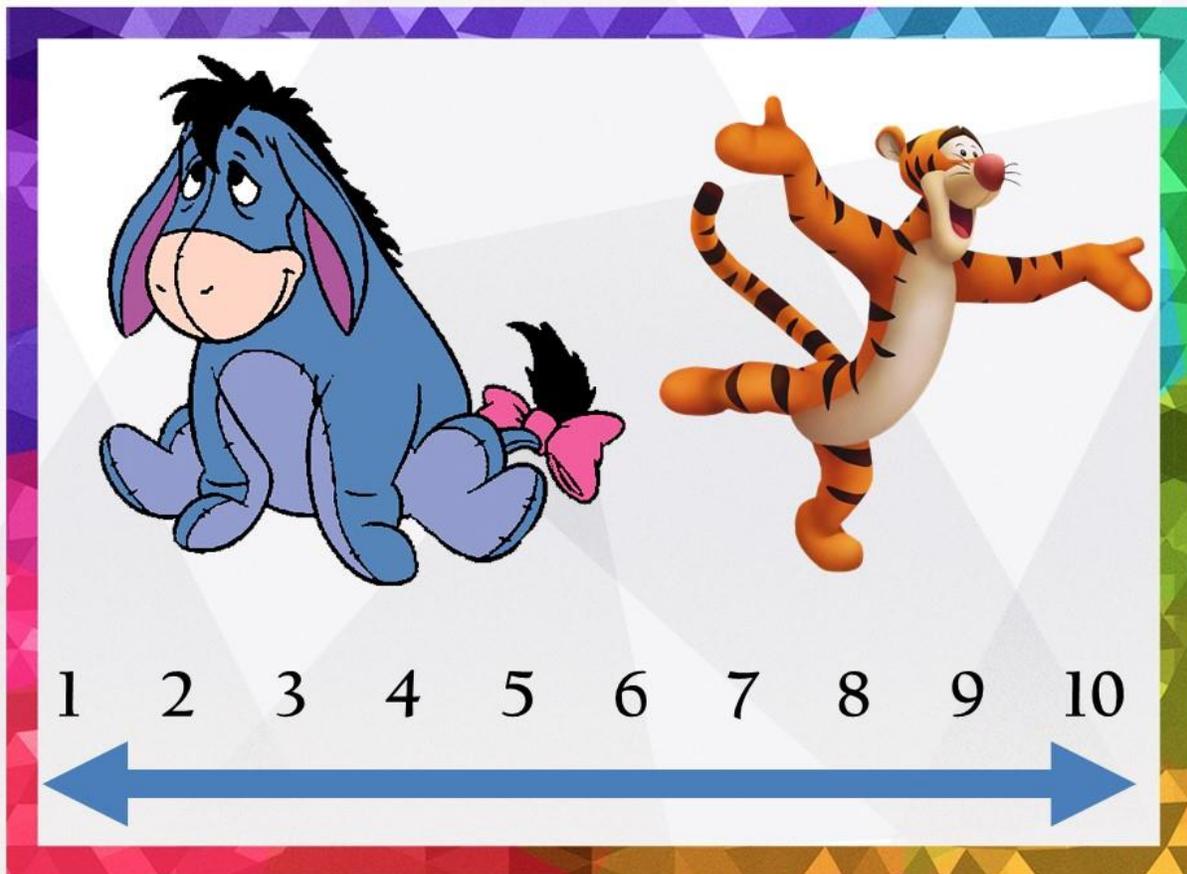
Gnawing **negativity**

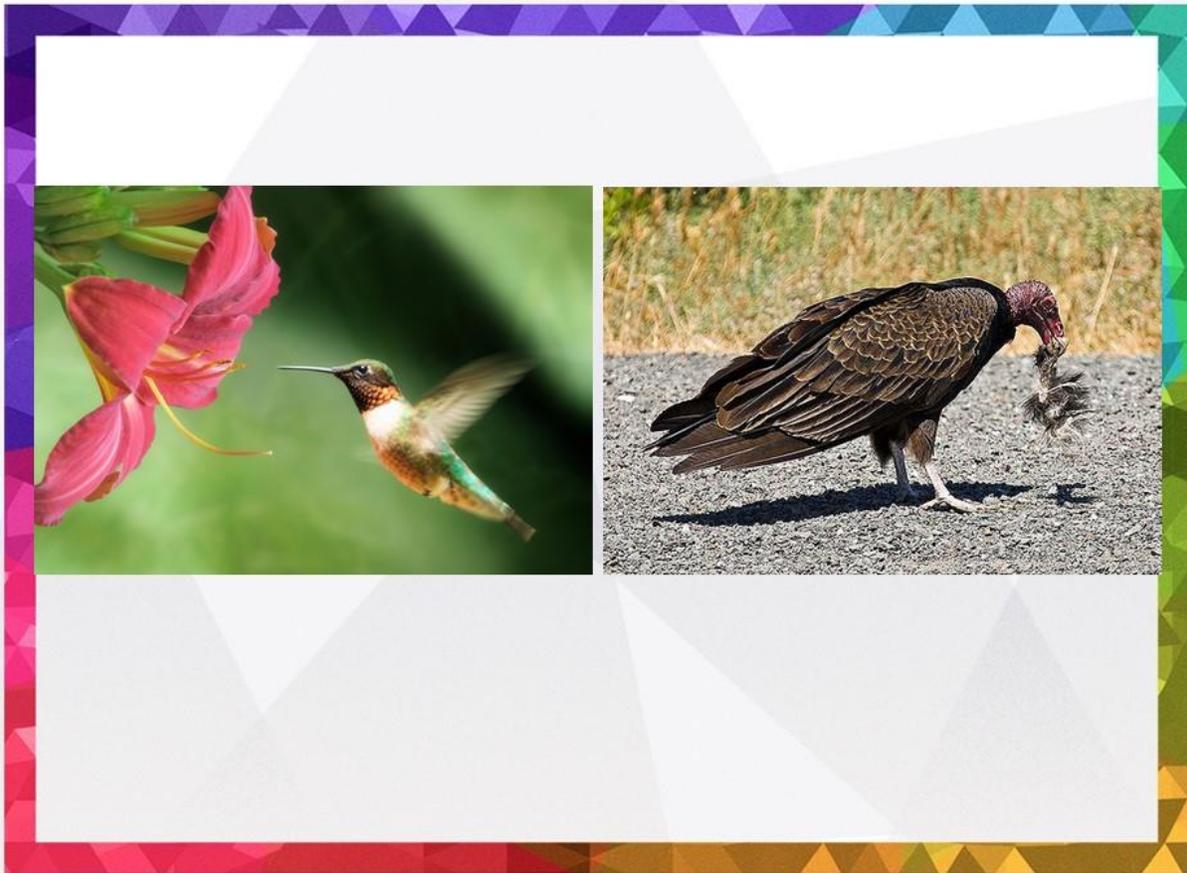
Cynicism begins not because you don't care, but because you do. Carey Nieuwhof

Cynicism says: of **course** it is!!

Cynicism says: it will **never**/always

Cynicism says: God would **never**





Proverbs 11:27 NLT

If you search for good, you will find favor;
but if you search for evil, it will find you!

Psalm 13:1 NLT

O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever?
How long will you look the other way?

Psalm 13:2 NLT

How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul,
with sorrow in my heart every day?
How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

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Psalm 13:3-4 NLT

Turn and answer me, O LORD my God!

Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.

Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!"

Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

Psalm 13:5-6 NLT

But I **trust** in your unfailing love.

I will rejoice because you have rescued me.

I will sing to the LORD

because he is good to me.

Curiosity is the cure for Cynicism.

Cynicism says: of **course** it is!

Curiosity says: I wonder **why**?

Cynicism says: it will never/**always**

Curiosity says" **what** if?

Cynicism says: God would **never**

Curiosity says: God just **might**

Psalm 23 KJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.....

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death....

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.....

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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he leadeth **me** in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though **I walk through the valley of the shadow of death**....

I will fear no **evil**: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me **in the presence of mine enemies**.....

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me **all the days of my life**: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

“Both the child and the cynic walk through the valley of the shadow of death. The cynic focuses on the **darkness**, the child focuses on the **Shepherd**.”