

# MOVING PAST “UNFAIR”

Chart to help you apply the steps necessary to move past unfairness in a current situation you are experiencing.

	Steps	Example	Apply To Your Current Situation	Verse or Example in Scripture
1	Think of an example of unfairness in your life.	<i>Assigned increased responsibilities at work, without a raise or possible promotion.</i>		Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." <i>John 16:33</i>
2	Identify your expectations.	<i>If I take on more at work, I will receive recognition, both financially and with opportunities for growth.</i>		We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. <i>Proverbs 16:9</i>
3	Remind yourself Jesus wasn't treated fairly.	<i>Jesus gave constantly to people, yet was never rich in earthly possessions or money.</i>		Accused falsely: <i>Mark 14:55-59</i>
4	<p>Ask God to help change your interpretation of the event.</p> <p>Consider:            Is this a result from a choice I've made?            Is there a perspective I may be missing?            Could Satan be attempting to accomplish something?</p>	<p><i>Lord, help me to see the benefits of working hard without expecting more.</i></p> <p><i>Have I asked for a raise/promotion?            Does my boss struggle with acknowledging me, because of past hurts they still carry around?            Is Satan attempting to discourage me because I am making an impact in the lives of my co-workers?</i></p>		If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you! <i>Proverbs 11:27</i>

5	Brainstorm possible benefits of the unjust situation.	<i>By taking on increased responsibilities, I am expanding my abilities and learning new skills. While others complain in the working environment, I can be a light – showing that my contentment and self-worth don't come from a title or a paycheck, but from the value God has placed on me.</i>		And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <i>Romans 8:28</i>
6	Recognize God is the only just judge and one day, God will righteously judge all of us.	<i>Knowing this fact allows me to release my desire to be judge and jury, and instead trust God with my present circumstances.</i>		For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. <i>2 Corinthians 5:10</i>
7	Pray	<i>Dear God...Please help me to wait on you in this area of my life. Give me the stamina to work hard, knowing my reward is in heaven with you. Please be with my company and my boss, bless them and make me a blessing to them. I pray for your favor over my life and that it might bring you glory.</i>		Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. <i>Luke 6:28</i>  So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. <i>Galatians 6:9</i>