

A Point of View

It may seem obvious, but how we views things depends on our own, individual perspective. When I was a freshman in college, I was asked by my English professor to write a paper on the subject of Points of View. I chose to write about the point of view of an ant crossing a rug; but, unfortunately, I received a failing grade for the effort even though it had not one "red mark" of correction on it. According to my professor, ants do not have points of view. (Obviously, this was long before the 1998 blockbuster move, It's a Bug's Life.) With what might have been a bit of irony—considering the assignment he'd given his class—the professor seemed to be reacting from only one point of view...his own.

Now, some 54 years later, I'm still working on "Points of View." Do ants have points of view? I don't know. Did they EVER have points of view? I assume so (because somehow, they seem to find their way back to their ant hills), but...I don't know. I'm not an ant, nor have I ever experienced life as an ant.

It is difficult to see things from someone (or something) else's perspective. We have to WANT to. And, we have to start from where we are...from WHO we are. Our perspectives may be inherent because of our past, personal experiences, but we can change our own experiences by simply...changing our minds.

What kind of a world might we want? If we've been hungry, perhaps we'd like a world full of food. If we've been lied to, perhaps we'd like a world full of

truth. The experiences of one's life might not always be easy, but perhaps that's why we've been given imaginations. We can create our own unique perspectives and change our world.

Therefore, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think on these things." [Philippians 4:8]