

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

Lesson #14 "Growing Through Adversity #2"

- Read Chapter Twelve and answer the following questions beginning in the section on 'Dependence'.

John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

- 1) Why do we have problems with dependence upon God?
- 2) Why did God let Paul's "thorn in the flesh" remain?
- 3) What does God have to do to make us useful for His glory?

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 "For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,"

- 4) Define "Perseverance."

Quote: "The Christian is called to pursue with diligence the Will of God." **Jerry Bridges**

- 5) What lesson can we learn from the life of William Carey's sister?

6) “Perseverance is developed in the _____ of _____, it is energized by _____.”

Quote: “You may drive a dog sled to the North Pole purely by a self-energized indomitable spirit, but you cannot run the Christian race that way. If you are going to run God’s race, doing God’s will then you must run it with His strength.” **Jerry Bridges**

7) What four things are needed to make us useful in God’s service?

8) What are we to do for others while they are in adversities?

9) What does **Revelation 1:9** teach us about what adversities can do for us?

“The Christian life is not meant to be lived privately in isolation from other believers.” **Jerry Bridges**

10) What is the most valuable result of our adversities?

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.