

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

Lesson #16 "Giving Thanks Always"

□ Read Chapter Fourteen and answer the following questions.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1) In our tribulations, what should be our main concern?
- 2) Why are we naturally unthankful?
- 3) What is the basis for giving thanks in the difficult circumstances of our lives?
- 4) What is meant by God works preactive and not reactive?
- 5) What is the two-directional view of worship to God in the midst of our trials?
- 6) What does worship in the heart during times of adversity imply?

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

7) How do we cast our anxieties on the Lord?

Quote: “We are to accept the adversities but not the anxieties. Our tendency is just opposite. We seek to escape from or resist the adversities, but all the while cling to the anxieties that they produce.”

Jerry Bridges

8) How are we to respond to people who are instruments of our adversities?

9) What two truths help us to forgive others that hurt us?

10) How are we to pray during times of adversities?

11) List six responses from this chapter that helps us in trusting God in the midst of our tribulations.

12) How can we grow in our ability to trust God during times of adversities?

Quote: “Trusting God for the grace to accept adversity is as much an act of faith as in trusting Him for deliverance from it.” **Jerry Bridges**