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TRIALS + HOW TO BEAR THEM

II COR 12:5-10 pg 1232

I.) INTRODUCTION

A) Trials + afflictions abide

1.) Acts 20:22-23, 24 pg 1178

a.) Paul knew that he would have to suffer for what he believed in.

IN PART FOR I AM READY NOT TO BE BOUND ONLY, BUT ALSO TO DIE AT JERUSALEM FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.

ACTS 21:13 → pg 1179

b.) If it was you, what would you do?

b.) He said that life is worth nothing unless he used it in working for the Lord.

2.) II Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

PEER PRESSURE TO GET YOU TO GO ALONG WITH → SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN.

a.) Persecuted for what they believed and were willing to die for.

B.) The test of Christianity is bearing patiently

1.) I Pet 4:12-13 pg 1291

a.) Christ was tempted - so we know that temptation is not new.

b.) The Apostles were tempted.

1.) Judas fell prey to it.

c.) You can go with the flow - conform to the worlds way of thinking - but at a great cost.

d.) It is not a sin to be tempted; only when you fall prey to it.

II.) PURPOSE OF TRIALS

A.) It gives humility

opening 1.) II Cor 12:7 and lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

PAUL'S AFFLICTION HE HAD TO BEAR. →

a.) These trials will bring you down to earth and with reality.

B.) These trials will prove our faith

1.) I Pet 1:6-9 pg 1288

a.) These trials are testing our faith to see if it is a strong faith.

THESE TRIALS MAKE US STRONGER.

1) If our faith is proven strong enough, we will be rewarded with a home in heaven.

c.) These trials perfects our patience and steadfastness.

1) Rom 5:3 and not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience.

a.) If we are not tried, how are we going to find out if we have the patience that it will take to get us to heaven?

2.) James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

a.) The more that we are tried, the more we learn of ourselves.

b.) We become stronger and more steadfast in our faith.

III.) How do Christians behave when under trials?

A.) Rejoicing

1.) Mt 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

a.) How are we going to stand up when we are tried?

b.) are we dreading the day when our faith will be tested?

2.) Acts 5:40-42 pg 1156

a.) Peter and the others with him rejoiced that they were counted worthy to ~~suffer~~ suffer shame for Christ.

b.) They continued to preach.

How do Christians behave when under trials?

B.) Praying and singing

1) Acts 16:25 and at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

a) Getting their strength, to bear up under their trials, from God.

2) James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

a) We have doctors to treat the sick, but we are told to pray for them also.

b) If we are happy, then we are to show it by the way we look and act.

Happiness is contagious! Help to spread it!

c) When we sing, sing from the heart; we are singing to God.

1) Don't tell someone that they cannot sing.

When you work do you put in a full days work?

C.) Working

1) I Pet 4:16-19 pg 1291

a) We are here for only a short time and we must use this time in a fruitful manner.

What do you like to do to a living?

2) Gal 6:7-10 pg 1238

a) Working for the Lord is not our job- it is our duty.

I Tim 5:8 pg 1262

b) When you enjoy your work it does not seem like a burden. CHRIST BORE OUR BURDEN ON THE CROSS.

Provide for his own' worse than an infidel

III.) There are Promises to those who will Endure.

A.) Grace to sustain

Repeat 1) II Cor 12:9 and he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Getting the strength from Christ

a) Faith to keep going and not to give up.

PROMISES TO THOSE WHO WILL ENDURE-

b.) What ever is your trouble - there is a scripture that can help you.

B) Deliverance

1.) Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

PUTTING OUR LOVE + TRUST IN CHRIST →

a) Christ - our strength and nurishment for life - our life hereafter.

2.) Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

a) Every day you get up is a new war - you must be prepared for whatever temptation or trials confronts you.

3.) I Cor 10:13 pg 1215

a) We are not going to be put into a situation that we don't have a way out OF.

C) Crown of life - Eternal blessedness

1.) II Tim 4:6-8 pg 1267

a) Paul honestly felt this way - can you say that you are ready?

2.) James 1:12 Blessed is the man ~~that~~ that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

HEAVEN ~~IS~~ IS A PREPARED PLACE FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE.

→ a) The reward for those who have prepared and have worked for the Lord.

3.) Mt 10:22 and ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

a) We are not to give up (slow up) in the middle of the race. We just might ~~lose~~.

V.) Trust God for His Promises

A.)

1.) II Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

a.) We are promised not only that home in heaven if we are faithful, but also that torment in hell if we are not found faithful.

Promise of the glory of heaven. Promise of the lake of fire also.

2.) II Pet 3:8-10 pg 1295

a.) The longer we are here on earth, the more time we have to prepare ourselves for Christ's return.

Satan also has more time to tempt us.

1.) But how long do we have?

3.) Mt 5:10-12 pg 1016

a.) Great is our reward in heaven if we can just get through this life here.

VI.) Conclusion

A.) are you ready to be offered, as Paul was?

Or do you need more time?

You may not have more time!

FRCB which steps have you taken?

Where are you now?

Are you still on that narrow road that leads to heaven? or have you strayed?

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.