



WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

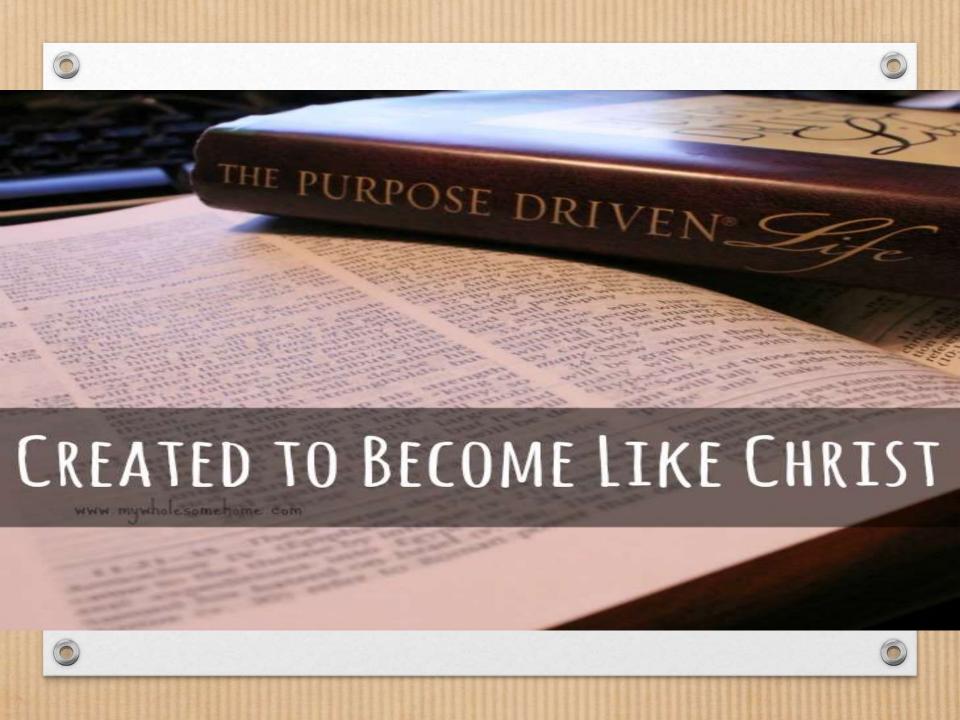


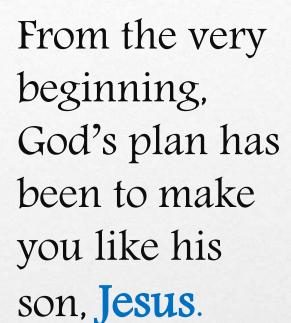




The Purpose-Driven Life is a manifesto for Christian living in the 21st century...a lifestyle based on eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, Warren clearly explains God's five purposes for each of us:

- We were planned for God's pleasure
 - so your first purpose is to offer real worship.
- We were formed for God's family
 - so your second purpose is to enjoy real fellowship.
- We were created to become like Christ,
 - so your third purpose is to learn real discipleship.
- We were shaped for serving God
 - so your fourth purpose is to practice real ministry.
- · We were made for a mission
 - so your fifth purpose is to live out real evangelism.



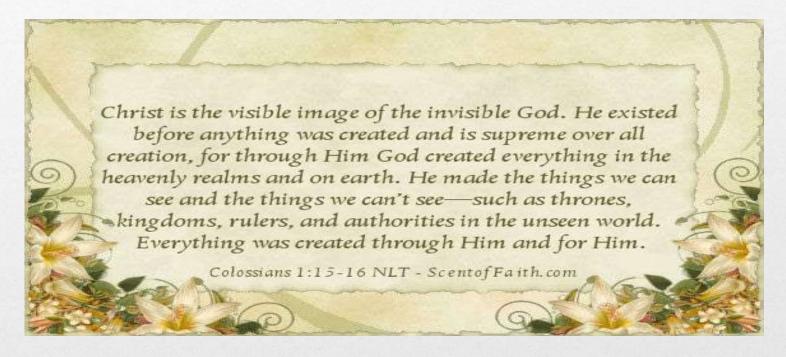








What does the full "image and likeness" of God look like? It looks like Jesus Christ...





Spiritual beings, our spirits are immortal Intellectual - think, reason, solve problems Relational - we can give and receive love Morally conscious - able to discern right from wrong, making us accountable to God Every person is made in God's image - but this has been distorted by sin, Jesus came on a mission to restore this full image.





MY 3rd PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO

Learn to think, act, speak, love, and serve the way Jesus did.

Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Christ. God doesn't just want you to know about Jesus, he wants you to BECOME LIKE JESUS.



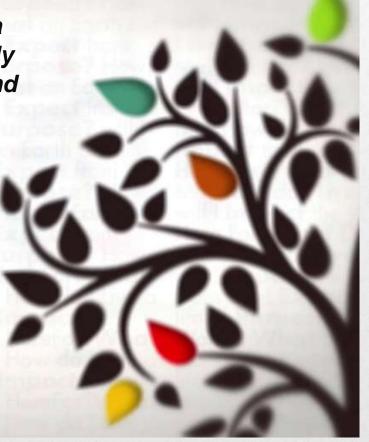






God doesn't want you to become a god; he wants you to become godly – taking on his values, attitudes and character.

[We] � will never become God, or even a god. That prideful lie is Satan's oldest temptation.







It's not about you.

The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose.





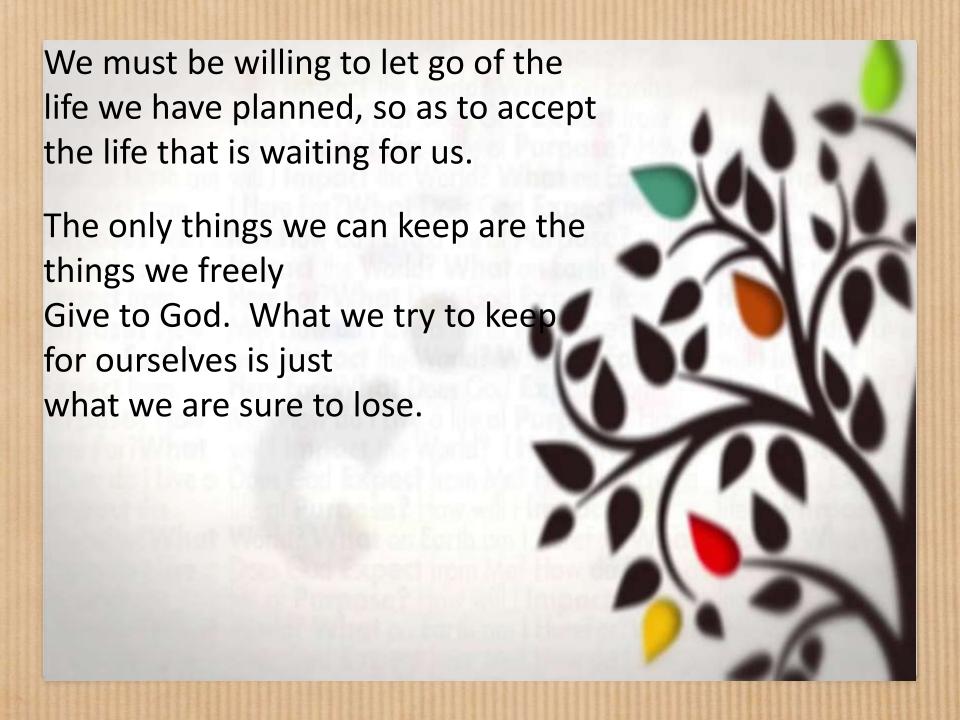
Huwag mong kalilimutan na binibigyan ka ng Diyos ng panahon dito sa lupa para patatagin ang iyong karakter, bilang paghahanda sa langit. Bakit Niya ibibigay sa iyo ang langit dito sa lupa gayong inihanda Niya ito para sa iyo sa kawalang hanggan?



We have 3 responsibilities in becoming like Christ - Eph 4:22-24,

- Choose to let go of the old ways
- Let the Spirit change your thinking - also
 Rom. 12:2
- 'Put on' the character of Christ by developing godly habits





God's Spirit working in you

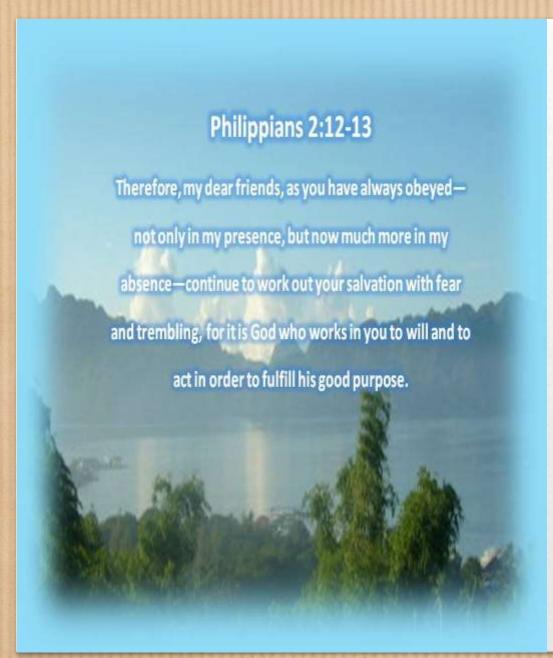
Holy Spirit produces Christlike character in you.

2 Cor 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



The process of becoming more like Jesus is called *sanctification*. It is done through the power of the Holy Spirit (in cooperation with you) Php 2:13

The Holy Spirit is not all about power and miracles, he inhabits you, and we choose to walk in response to his prompting, we then receive faith, power love etc. to act in accordance with this leading. You need to ask!



The verse shows the two parts of spiritual growth: "work out" and "work in." The "work out" is your responsibility and the "work in" is God's role. Spiritual growth is a collaborative effort between you and the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit works with us, not just in us.

God has given you a new life; now you're responsible to develop it "with fear and trembling." That means to take your spiritual growth seriously, because it will determine your role in eternity.

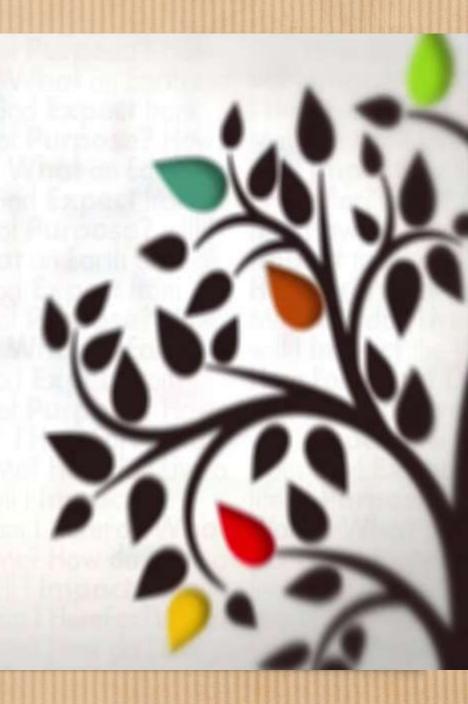


Christ-like character is the ultimate goal of all Christian education. To settle for anything less is to miss the point of spiritual growth. We are to "become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13 NIV).

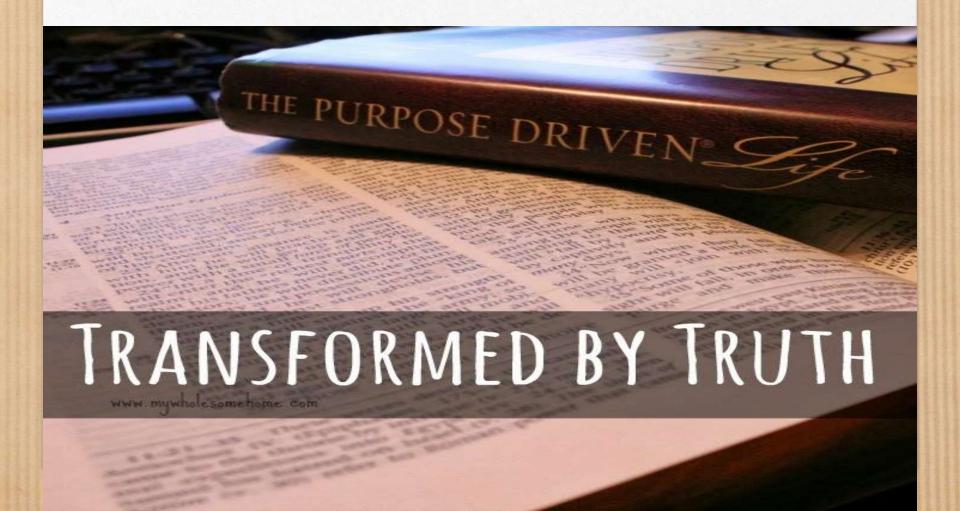
Developing the character of Christ is life's most important task because it is the only thing we'll take with us into eternity.



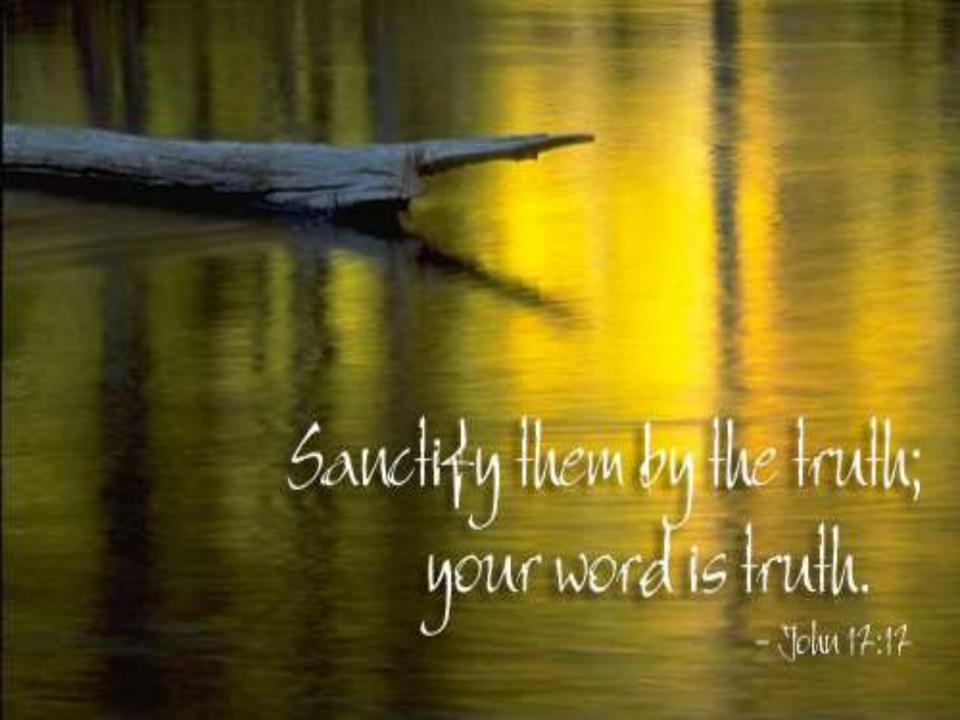
If you want to know what Christ-like character looks like, a good place to start is the list of nine character qualities Paul enumerates in Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is <u>love</u>, <u>joy</u>, <u>peace</u>, <u>patience</u>, <u>kindness</u>, <u>goodness</u>, <u>faithfulness</u>, <u>gentleness</u> and <u>self-control</u>."



- Three Ways On How We are TRANSFORMED In Becoming like
 Christ:
 - 1. Transformed by Truth or "The Word of God"





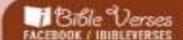




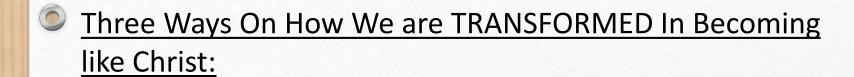
LIKE NEWBORN BABIES CRAVE PURE SPIRITUAL MILK SO THAT BY IT YOU MAY

GROWUP IN YOUR SALVATION

1 PETER 2:2

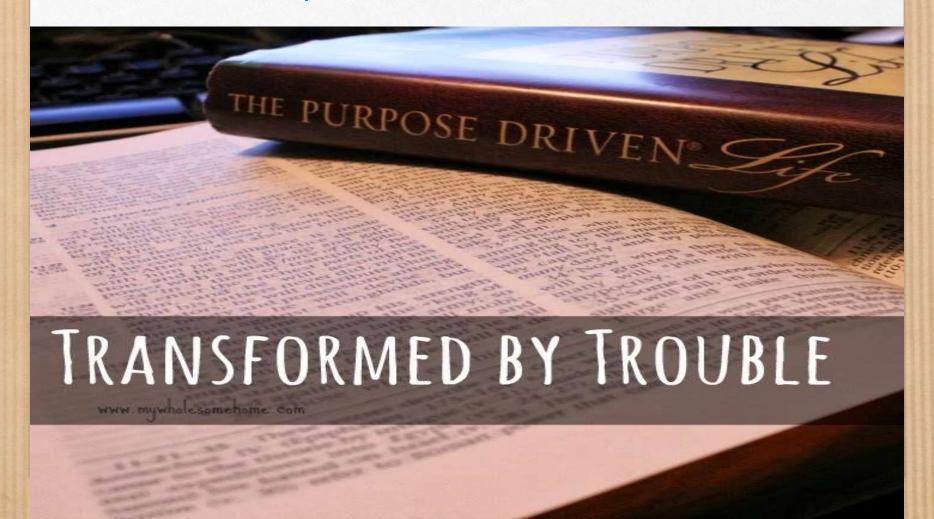






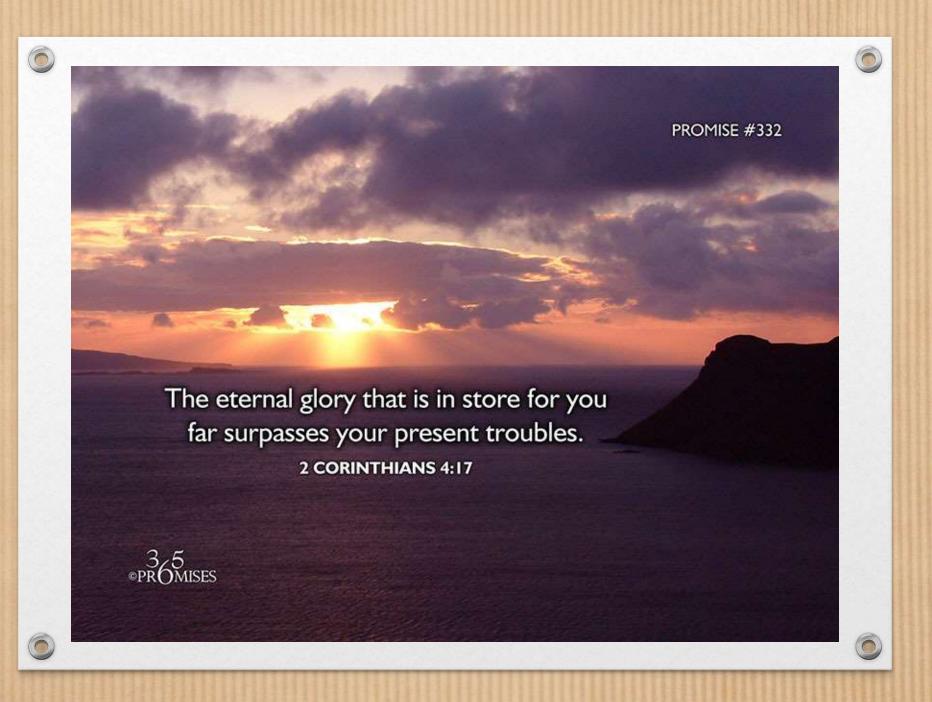


2. Transformed by Trouble or circumstances



change who we are becoming in 2 ways. Some take on a others develop a naking sense of this teaching series will provide you with You will learn how to Trouble





GOD HAS A PURPOSE BEHIND EVERY PROBLEM

JESUS - OUR - EVERYTHING

Character is never built in a classroom.
Character is built in the circumstances of life.

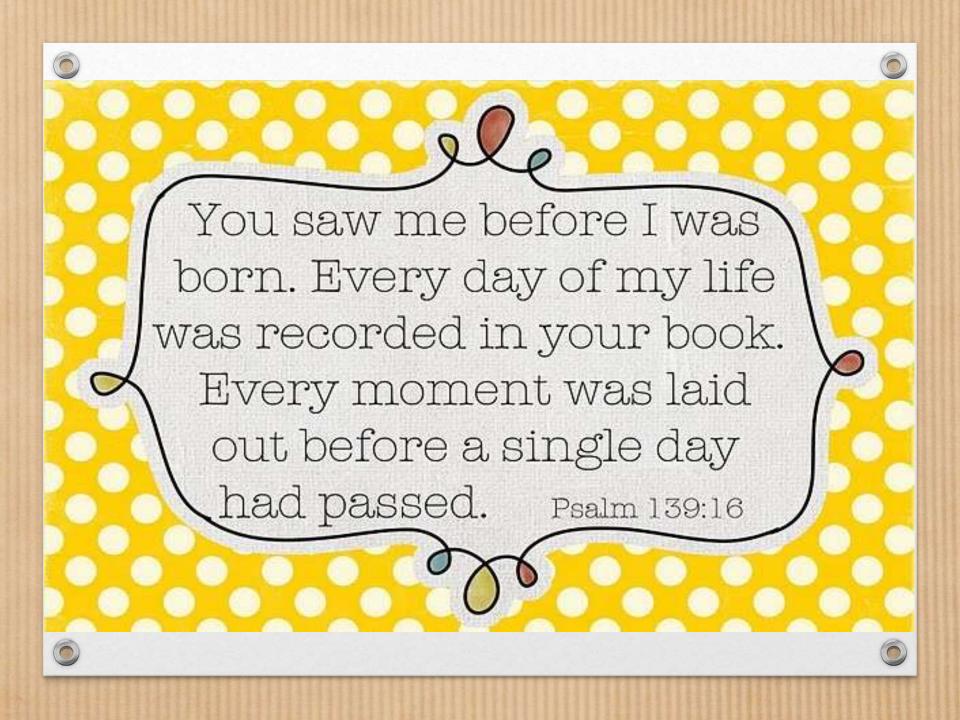
When we understand how God uses circumstances to develop character, we are able to respond correctly when God places us in character-building opportunities.

God builds character in our lives by allowing us to experience situations where we are tempted to do the exact opposite of the character quality.

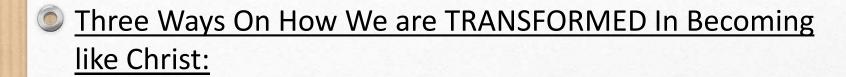






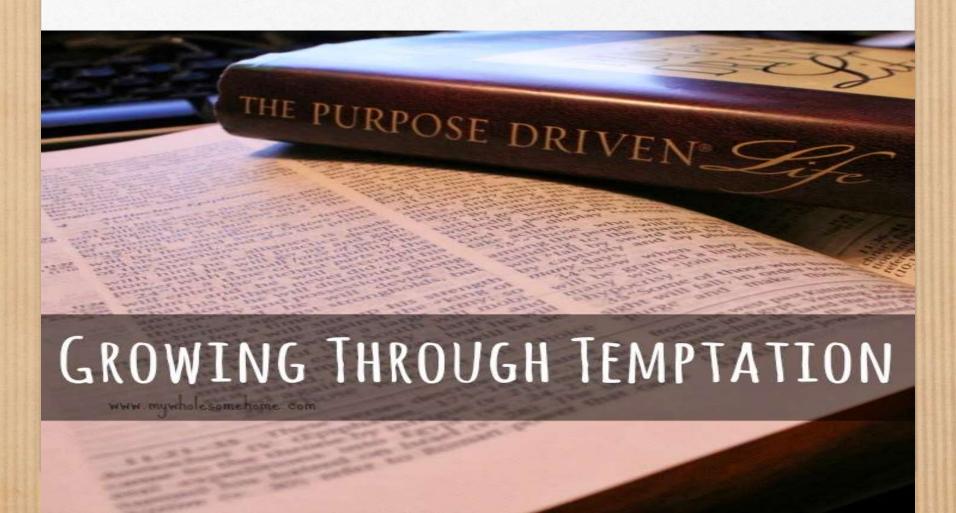








3. Growing through Temptation



Every TEMPTATION is an Opportunity to do Good.

~Rick Warren The Purpose Driven Life



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Blessed is the man 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.

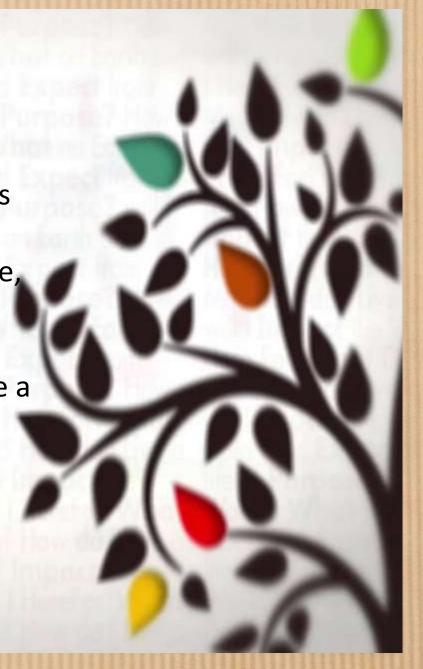
in the day of trouble

and you shall glorify Me

Psalm 50:15

Mark 7:21-23

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person."



Becoming like Christ is a long, slow process of growth

Not instant - a slow, gradual progressive development which will take the rest of your life.

Eph 4:13 NLT

13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Refuse to give up. Be PATIENT and PERSISTENT. Character building is a slow process.

~Rick Warren



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"More confusion in the Christian life comes from ignoring the simple truth that God is far more interested in building your character than anything else...what God cares about most is that whatever you do, you do in a Christlike manner"

Rick Warren, PDL, page 177



James 1:3-4 says,

"Let the process go on until your endurance is fully developed, and you will find that you have become men of mature character . . . with no weak spots."







Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. . . . They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.

JEREMIAH 17:7-8 (NLT)





If I want to become like Jesus -

I will seek to spend time in each day with my Lord Jesus Christ, reading God's Word and praying.

I will endeavour to meet with God's people every Sunday.

I will support our Church in our mission to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

I am committed to growing together with others in the knowledge and love for Jesus Christ.

I will use the gifts and talents God has given me to serve within the Body of Christ at Christ Church.



If I want to become like Jesus -

I will faithfully steward the money God has given me, for his glory.

I will follow the example of my Lord Jesus Christ in reaching out in love to others.

I will take and create opportunities to share the Good News of how Jesus Christ died on the cross for us.

