

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW HIS CHILDREN TO

Suffer?



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- God's desire for every one of His children is found in verse 17.
- God's desire is for every one of us to _____ and _____ in our spiritual character.
- What is spiritual character? It is a Christ-like _____ that results in Christ-like actions.
- God doesn't _____ problems and suffering into our lives. Those things will come very naturally to every person that lives on the earth.
- But God will _____ suffering and problems to develop spiritual character in His children.
- Why is it that God uses suffering and problems in this way?

Because growth seldom comes without _____.

- There is not a Christian that is immune from problems and trials. Vs. 12
- But God can take bad and bring _____ out of it.

“Be sober and watchful, because your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him firmly in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. But after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called us to His eternal glory through Christ Jesus, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.” **1 Peter 5:8-10 MEV**

- When you are going through suffering and afflictions, turn to this passage in 1 Peter 5 and remind yourself:
 1. Satan wants to use this to _____ me. Vs. 8
 2. Others are facing the _____ problems. Vs. 9
 3. If I allow Him, God will use this for my _____. Vs. 10