

The Blessings and Benefits of Problems (Part 2)

Introduction:

1. Problems are a part of _____. Because of the curse of sin on this earth, problems are woven into the fabric of everyday life.
2. But did you know that there is a blessing and benefit in problems?
3. *“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*
4. Let’s examine some of those benefits.

First, problems can lead us to a state of _____.

Second, problems can teach us _____.

1. One of the most difficult things to do is to _____.
2. This is why we many times make _____ decisions which lead to problems.
3. One of the most important principles of the Christian life is the principle of delayed gratification.
 - Delayed gratification means that I will _____ God’s Word, even if it means temporary discomfort so that I can eventually experience true, godly, gratification.
4. One of the character traits of the fruit of the Spirit is *“longsuffering.”* The idea of this word is that we patiently continue to do _____, even if we incur suffering for doing right.
5. Problems have a way of teaching us the godly virtue of patience. Romans 5:3-4
6. We learn patience and longsuffering the best when suffering!
7. We seem to _____ the most spiritually when going through problems.
2 Thessalonians 1:3-4