

# The Blessings and Benefits of Problems (Part 3)

## Introduction:

1. We have learned that problems are a part of life. Because of the curse of sin on this earth, problems are woven into the fabric of everyday life.
2. There are many internal benefits and blessings of problems. Let's examine some of those benefits.

**First, problems can lead us to a state of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Second, problems can teach us \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Third, problems can cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with the Lord.**

1. When we were saved, God placed His very Spirit within us. He became one with us. He entered into an eternal union of oneness with us. God shared His very Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ with us. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:17, 19-20; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 4:6-7; Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:30-32; Colossians 1:27, 3:1-4
2. God's desire is that we know Him in a \_\_\_\_\_ way each day (Philippians 3:10). God desires that we remember Him and rely on Him in everything we do. Ephesians 5:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19; Colossians 2:6-7
3. But, it is so easy to become self-sufficient and self-reliant. This is called walking after the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Problems and trials have a way of bringing us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our self-sufficiency and causing us to remember how much we need that daily walk with Christ.
5. God's desire is that we be brought to the place where we truly see the utter insufficiency of our flesh and our total \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. 2 Corinthians 4:5; Philippians 3:3, 4:13
  - *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* Galatians 2:20
6. This is another reason why God is not going to \_\_\_\_\_ problems from entering into our lives. He desires that close, intimate relationship with us.
7. *"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 \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ may rest upon me."* **2 Corinthians 12:9**