

**Life and people can rise up against us and \_\_\_\_\_ us with many types of problems.**

LORD, how they have increased who **trouble me!** Many *are* they who rise up against me. Many *are* they who say of me, “*There is no help for him in God.*” **Selah** But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. **Selah**” Psalms 3:1-4

- “You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from **trouble**; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah” Psalms 32:7; see Ps 9:9.
- The salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in time of **trouble**. Ps 37:39
- God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in **trouble**.” Psalms 46:1
- “Call upon Me in the day of **trouble**; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” Ps 50:15
- “Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He delivered them out of their distresses.” Psalms 107:6 ...this Scripture is repeated 4 times, do you think it is significant?
- “Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.” Pr 21:23

**Jesus informs us that even though we have problems in the world, we \_\_\_\_\_ have peace in Him.**

““These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but *be of good cheer*, I have overcome the world.”” John 16:33

- Paul said, “We must through many **tribulations** enter the kingdom of God.”” Acts 14:19-22

**We can use the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to trace surface problems to root causes.**

“Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause **trouble**, and by this many become defiled; lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.” Hebrews 12:14-16

- We can insult the grace of God. Heb 10:29 • We can frustrate the grace of God. Gal 2:21
- Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”” James 4:6

**When we count it all joy as we face the problems of life, we demonstrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith.**

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” James 1:2-4

- **Problems** are not an elective in life. **Problems** are the required course!
- **Problems** are unpredictable.
- **Problems** are not permanent!
- **Problems** purify faith!
- **Problems** produce perseverance.
- **Problems** show us how grown up we are because they reveal our values.
- **Problems** make me like Jesus.

**When we learn how to appropriately deal with life’s problems, we get \_\_\_\_\_ to comfort others.**

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any **trouble**, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4

- **Christian** overcomers know the value of difficult times.

**When we can accept that the problems of others are our problems too, we \_\_\_\_\_ the law of Christ.**

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s **burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1, 2. Also see Ga 6:9