

CREATED TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST

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“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him – and He knew who would – should become like His Son...” Rom. 8:29 (LB)

“God wants us to grow up... like Christ in everything.” Eph. 4:15 (Mes)

MY 3rd PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO _____

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

HOW DO I GROW SPIRITUALLY?

The process of Discipleship includes

- _____ *“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.” 2 Cor. 3:18 (NLT)*
- _____ *“We are joined together in Christ’s Body and we grow as we get our nourishment and strength from God.” Col. 2:19 NLT*
- _____ *(God has gifted teachers) “...so that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.” Eph. 4:13 (NLT)*
- _____ *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who, though He was God... made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...” Phil. 2:5-7 (NIV)*
- _____ *Jesus: “I have come to seek and save those who are lost.” Luke 19:10 (NLT)*

THREE UNEXPECTED TOOLS

“In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Rom. 8:28 (NIV)

1. GOD USES _____ TO TEACH US TO _____

“...troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.” Rom. 5:3-4 (NCV)

“They came to a garden called Gethsemane and Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ ... Distress and anguish came over Him, and He said, ‘The sorrow in My heart is so great that it almost crushes Me.’ Mark 14:32-34 (TEV)

“Father, everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will, not Mine!” Mark 14:36 (NLT)

- Keep a _____
“At the Lord’s direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress.” Num. 33:2 (NLT)

- Remember _____
“Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Cor. 4:17 (NIV)

2. GOD USES _____ TO TEACH US TO _____
“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”
Matt. 4:1 (NIV)

“‘Get out of here, Satan’ Jesus told him ‘The Scriptures say, Worship only the Lord God. Obey only Him.’” Matt. 4:10 (LB)

- Keep focused on _____
“Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right.” Phil. 4:8a (LB)

- Get a _____
“You’re better off to have a friend than to be all alone... If you fall, your friend can help you up.” Eccl. 4:9-10 (CEV)

3. GOD USES _____ TO TEACH US TO _____
“People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus ... and the elders made fun of Him... Even the bandits who had been crucified with Him insulted him in the same way.” Matt. 27:39-44 (TEV)

“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive these people, because they don’t know what they are doing.’” Luke 23:34 (NLT)

- Remember God has forgiven me
“Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.” Eph. 4:32 (CEV)

- Remember God is in control.
“You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done.” Gen. 50:20 (NCV)

“We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with Him.” Rom. 8:17 (Mes)

