

I. INTRODUCTION

You were planned for God's pleasure — that's called _____.
You were formed for God's family — that's called _____.
Romans 8:9 (LB)

God doesn't want us to become a god; He wants us to become more _____.
Ephesians 4:15 (Msg)

II. MY THIRD PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO _____ — DISCIPLESHIP

Colossians 1:15 (Msg)

A. How Does God help Me Grow Spirituality?

1. He uses the _____ — it takes _____ to transform us
2. He uses _____ — we learn from each other. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

B. Three Unexpected Tools That God Uses To Grow Us

1. God Uses _____ To Teach Us To Trust Him. Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

God is always more interested in what you are (_____) than He is in what we do (_____).

The goal of life is not _____.

Write This Down: _____

It is to make me like _____ to build _____ in my life.
Mark 14:32-34 (TEV) Mark 14:36 (NLT)

He _____ to God's plan. He says, "Whatever fulfills your purpose in My life."
If you're going to become like Christ, you've got to learn to trust God _____, even when things look like it's terrible and falling apart.

• Helpful Hints:

Keep a spiritual _____
Numbers 33:2 (NLT)

Remember the _____
2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

"In Your hands the pain and hurt looks less like scars and more like character; less like a prison, more like my room; less like a casket, more like a womb; less like dying, more like transcending; less like fear, less like an ending. And in Your hands the pain and hurt look less like scars and more like character." — Sara Grove, *Less Like Scars* (2002)

2. God Uses _____ To Teach Us To Obey
Temptations are designed by _____ and they're intended to harm us. That's what temptation are. _____ never tempts us to do evil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

Things to Remember About Temptations

- It is not a _____ to be tempted.
- Everyone is _____ in the same ways
Matthew 4:10 (LB)

“You can’t keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair.” —
Martin Luther

My temptation is _____ than anyone else’s. You will never _____
temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

Two Helps With Temptations:

- Keep focused on _____ thoughts. Philippians 4:8a (LB)
Temptation always starts with getting your _____. And when it gets your
attention, it gets _____!
- Get a spiritual _____. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (CEV)

3. God uses _____ To Teach Us To Forgive

_____ are situations designed by God to draw us closer to Him.

_____ are situations designed by the devil to draw us away from God.

_____ are situations designed by other people to hurt us.

Matthew 7:39-44 (TEV) Luke 23:34 (NLT) 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

a) Two Helpful Hints With Trespasses

1. Remember God has _____ me. Ephesians 4:32 (CEV)

God will never ask you to _____ anybody more than you’ve already been
_____ by Him.

2. Remember that God is in _____. Genesis 50:20 (NCV)

b) I Am Convinced of Two Things

1. Your greatest testimony as a believer is how you handle _____.

2. You are most like Christ when you suffer in order to _____ others.

QUESTION: Who Do You Need To Forgive?

God is going to:

- Take you through a Gethsemane and experience _____, where you learn to
trust His love.
- Take you through a desert, and experience _____ where you learn to obey
Him and do the right thing.
- Take you to the cross, a time of _____ where you learn to forgive.

PROMISE: Romans 8:17 (Msg)

OUR RESPONSE: Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

Life makes so much more sense when we realize that it’s not about out _____, it’s not
about our _____, it’s all about our _____ and becoming like Jesus.