

I believe that temptations and trials are actually good for me because they always cause me to turn to the Lord for my answers, and they produce patience, experience, and maturity (Rom. 5:3-4; James 1:2-4). I believe that trials are firstly for me, to settle me in the faith (1 Peter 5:10; 1 Peter 1:7); but secondly and primarily they are for others (2 Cor. 1:1:6; Gal. 6:2). I believe that everything that happens to me comes from the sovereign hand of my heavenly Father (Matt. 11:27a).

I believe that every evil thing that Satan plots against me God means for my good (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28). I believe that I have been begotten unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in Heaven for me (1Peter 1:3-4). I believe that this inheritance is not faded glory like Moses had, but is a New Covenant inheritance that glorifies me---body, soul, and spirit. I believe that the Lord has caused me to know the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings (Phil. 3:10). Therefore, I present my body a living sacrifice, and I am transformed by renewing my mind to the truth which proves the perfect will of God (Rom.12:1-2). I believe that it is God that works in me both to will and do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). I believe that my only work is to believe in the person of Jesus (John 6:28-29). I believe that obedience, submission, and abiding are not by my own works, but are acts of faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26b).