

GodSense

Lesson 4 *(Principles 19-23)*

- I. Review Lesson 3 assignment

- II. Introduction

- III. When the foundation crumbles Job 1-2
 - A. Stop relying on own efforts Proverbs 28:26

 - B. Realize that God is enough Psalm 86:1-4

- IV. It's the object of your trust that matters
 - A. Trust's focus Job 1:1-4
 - i. Job 13:15

 - ii. I Thessalonians 5:24

 - B. Knowing the One you can count on Hebrews 11:6
 - i. Jesus reveals the Father

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Hebrews 1:3

ii. History reveals God

I Corinthians 10:11

iii. God reveals Himself through relationship

I Peter 3:12

James 4:8

V. Giving up control

A. Psalm 20:7

B. I Peter 5:6

VI. Keeping your eye on the outcome

Job 42

VII. Rewards of trust

A. James 1:2-4

B. Galatians 2:20

C. Philippians 4:11-13

D. Psalm 37:5-6

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ASSIGNMENT

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Bible study

Read II Corinthians 11:22-12:10 and answer the following questions:

(1) In chapter 11 verses 22-27, Paul lists the sufferings he has endured during his ministry. Write down several of them here.

(2) What burden does he express in verses 28-29? What does this concern tell us about his character?

(3) When special experience did God give to Paul as it is described in chapter 12, verses 1-4?

(4) Why does Paul tell this story as if it had happened to someone else and not to him?

(5) What was the reason that Paul was given a “thorn in the flesh”? (v. 7)

(6) What did Paul pray concerning that thorn? (v. 8)

(7) What was the answer to his prayer? (v. 9)

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(8) What does verse 10 tell us about continuing to trust God even when we are facing difficult circumstances in our lives?

Journaling

What troubles your mind these days? What can sometimes keep you awake at night? Write about your problem, your emotional response to the difficulty, and how you are dealing with the situation. As you go through this process, allow God to enter your thoughts to give you insight into new ways to handle the problem or whether you should give up control entirely to Him.

Prayer

Keeping in mind that we are told in the Bible not to be anxious about anything, but to pray about everything, pray. Tell God exactly what is on your mind even if it seems too minor to “bother” Him with or even if it seems too overwhelming to even speak out. Give over to God the burdens you cannot bear. Tell Him that you trust Him to uphold you, to deal with issues and people as He sees fit, and to make you stronger and more dependent on Him in this growing process. Thank Him for what He will do with the problems you have turned over to Him.

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