

A For Attitude

Understanding life and its struggles is more that just putting facts together. We have to interpret those facts. Where does that interpretation happen? That interpretation happens in the crucible of our attitude.

Scripture(s): James 1:9-12

I. The first attitude that Christians need so that they can understand well the trials of life is _____. We are to glory when we feel _____.

✓ Consider carefully that what is happening to you happens to _____ types of people.

1 Peter 4:12-14 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

II. The second that Christians need so that they can understand well the trials of life is _____. There is a great glory in embracing our _____ before God.

1 John 3:1a See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

Ephesians 3:14-19 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

✓ Cultivate an attitude of humility by considering what you are without your _____ or abilities.

III. The third attitude that Christians need so that they can understand well the trials of life is _____. Blessedness comes to those who don't quit _____.

✓ Ask yourself this question, "Is your reason for enduring strong enough for _____ problem?"

Remember this - A Biblical attitude toward the struggles of life transforms our _____ of them.

Our challenge: Refocus your attitude so that you can understand life _____ way.

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