

Bible Study
The Good Of God Through The Challenges Of Life
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- **Perfect** means: From a biblical prospective the word-perfect means complete, whole and fully developed; totally righteous. It can also mean freedom from fault, defect, or shortcoming.
- **Challenge** means: From a biblical prospective the word challenge generally refers to a difficult situation, obstacle, or trial that test one's faith, character, or obedience to God. Often times requiring them to rely on their trust in God to overcome the difficulty. It can also signify an act of questioning or defying God's authority, depending on the context. Challenges are often seen as opportunities for spiritual growth and development.
- **Temptation** means: From a biblical standpoint the word temptation means the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise. Enticement to sin.
- **Conquerors** means: To be victorious over an adversary, and more than a conqueror means to be overwhelmingly victorious.

The word of God tells us that in this life challenges will come upon all of us, no one is immune to these events. They will fall upon the rich, the poor, sick, the lame, the blind, the weak and the strong. These same events will happen to all nationalities, both young and old. These uncontrollable and untimely occurrences are referred to as challenges, trials, crisis, tribulations, and sometimes they are just called the storms of life. Regardless of what you may call them, they are events or circumstances that can challenge us mentally and physically. Sometimes these unexpected crises can cause us to question our relationship with God, in severe cases they may even cause us to question even the existence of God!

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Have you ever asked yourself the question, why does God allow Believers to go through trials and struggles anyway? The writing in the book of James provides some insight into this question.

- **James 1:2-4** (1) My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. (3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

When we consider all the things that we have said and done that was contrary to the direction of God's Word, we can easily wonder in our minds, why would God help us during these times of extreme challenge. Well, first of all we certainly don't deserve any help from God, we really deserve death for disobeying His word. But thanks be to God,

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who loves us so much that He is our now help in times of trouble, and He will give us the strength to sustain us during our season of challenge. During these difficult times in our life the grace, and power of God is all we really need to keep us. It is for this reason that we should walk out our journey in this life without being fearful of unforeseen, and unpredictable situations. If we belong to Him, and if we call on His name, we have no reason to worry, nor be fearful of what we cannot see, or understand, God is with us even though we cannot see Him, we can feel His presence. This is why we can declare even when the world does not understand that we are truly conquerors through the grace and power of God almighty.

- **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- **Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- **Isaiah 41:10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
- **2 Corinthians 12:8-10** (8) For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. (9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (10) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.