

THE REASONS FOR TRIALS Pt. 2

I. THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE REGARDING TRIALS

A. The REALITY of Trials (1 Peter 1:3-9)

B. The ROSTER of Trials... Some New Testament Words for Trials (2 Corinthians 1, 4, 6)

II. THE DIVINE PURPOSES OF TRIALS

A. GENERALLY

1. Trials are because of _____ and its _____ (Genesis 2-4)
2. Trials are because of _____ sin.
3. Trials are because of _____.

B. SPECIFICALLY

1. Trials are designed to REFINE...
 - a. our _____. (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7)

** Principle to Remember:*

Our _____ is _____ proven by how we handle the days that are filled with fun and excitement, when we are comfortable; but it is proven in the days that are filled with _____ and _____.

- b. our _____ (Psalm 37:5-8; 66:10; Proverbs 16:2)

- c. our _____ of God's Word. (Psalm 119:71, 75, 92)

d. our _____ to God's Word. (Psalm 119:66-68)

2. Trials are designed to REVEAL...

a. our _____, and what we really value. (Psalm 17:1-3; Prov. 17:3; 1 Chron. 29:17; Matt. 6:33)

b. our _____. (Prov. 24:10; 2 Cor. 12:7-10)

c. our _____ for God and for _____. (Deut. 13:1-4; Col. 3:12-15)

* What about those trials that after a diligent soul searching, seem to have no purpose?

* *Principle to Remember:*

Trusting in God is more important than _____. Our trust comes not in that we know all things, but that _____, and that He always has our _____ spiritual _____ in mind.

* Hebrews 11:1, 6

* How can you apply this truth in your own life?