

# The Need for Trials

I have told you  
these things, so that  
in me <sup>you</sup> may <sup>have</sup> **peace**.  
In this world  
you will have trouble. But  
<sup>take</sup> heart. I <sup>have</sup>  
**overcome** the world.  
John 16:33



Read *Epistle of First Corinthians VII (CBCG)*.

When Paul arrived at the city of Corinth after being away for some time, what did he find?

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Paul admonished them to build their foundation on \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.



Building a Strong Foundation

Circle those items that Paul uses to describe a strong foundation:

hay

stones

gold

wood

silver

stubble

sand

brick

**What are 3 ways it is described that some materials can be deceiving in their strength to build upon?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**What is a lesson for us to learn from this information so far?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Laodiceans are like burning wood because...**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Read I Cor. 3:13-15 & Rev. 3:14-21. How do these scriptures describe the Laodicean? How can we be sure we do not become like them?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What is your foundation, the core from which you make decisions & draw your values? Explain which category (hay/wood/stubble or stones/gold/silver) it belongs in & why.**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Types of Trials

The passage describes 2 types of trials – trials we bring upon ourselves & trials of faith that God brings to us. Give 3 examples of each type of trials from your own life.

<b>Trials We Bring Upon Ourselves</b>	<b>Trials of Faith from God</b>



## True or False?

- \_\_\_\_\_ If we have trials, we are not following God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complaining through trials helps us to grow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Laodiceans are a good example of how to follow Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Being led by the spirit of God is a daily choice.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We bring some trials upon ourselves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trials provide experience we can learn & grow from.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Spirit of God forms Godly character in us as we yield to Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All trials are trials of faith from God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God purifies us to prepare us for His work & to qualify to enter His Kingdom.



## Our Reactions to Trials

How do you currently act during a trial? Circle any that apply.

cry	swear	self-pity	rejoice
glory	complain	poor attitude	depression

Read Hebrews 12:1-11. How does God want us to act in the face of trials & why?

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How are we precious stones & why is God bothering to purify us?

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Do you think our reactions to trials matters to God? Why or why not?

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How can this image symbolize a willingness to be led by God through trials to overcome? Explain.

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## The Purpose of Trials of Faith

Check those things below that are reasons God may send trials of faith to us.

- ☐ teach us how to overcome in the world
- ☐ increase our faith & trust in Him for tough times ahead
- ☐ decrease our strength & endurance
- ☐ increase our perfection & value to Him
- ☐ develop Godly character & fruits of His Spirit
- ☐ prove that we are strong & can overcome on our own
- ☐ test our allegiance to God
- ☐ increase wisdom to understand the trail
- ☐ we can help, encourage or teach others

Read Romans 5:3-5. Fill in each area describing the benefits of tribulations in our lives.

		<div>Tribulations in Our Lives Produce...</div>	



## YOU are God's Temple

God's spirit dwells in you even before baptism. It is a tremendous responsibility to be God's temple. List 2 ways you are God's temple based on the passage.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



## Understanding Scripture

Explain how each scripture is related to you being God's temple.

Scriptures	Explain This Scripture
I Cor. 3:16-17	
Eph. 2:20-22	

Read I Cor. 3:18-20.

The wisdom of this world is \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Illustrate this principle below:

How should you being a temple of God influence your daily activities in the following areas? Complete the table below.

Ares of Influence	Daily Activity Details/Examples
Daily Activities & Entertainment	
Food Consumption	
Relationships with Others	



### God's Church

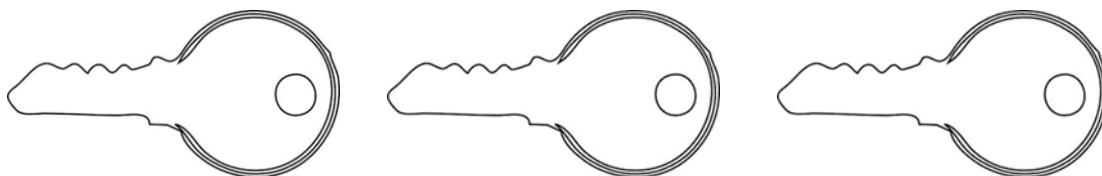
Compare the way God intends His church to be with the ways of the Corinthians as evidenced in the letter Paul wrote to them.

Corinth	Church of God



## Keys to Overcoming

**Based on the passage & the scriptures, what are 3 keys to overcoming & enduring to the end?**



## Yielding to God's Leading

**Rate your current willingness to be led by God's spirit through your trials & tribulations.**



**Not at All**

**100%**



## A Prayer to God

**Write a prayer to God about your attitude about trials.**

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## **Staying Focused**

**Road signs refocus us on the road. Create your own road sign or a slogan & image to help you stay focused & growing through everyday trials.**