

GOOD PLANS

Changing Our Character

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

God's Purpose: For people to know the God who loves us personally and to lead us to rely on Him resulting in our praising Him.

1. The problem of pride.

Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?"²⁷ Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Genesis 37:26-28

2. God uses our problems _____.

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

• The _____ Heart. (Matthew 13:4,19)

⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up...¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

• The _____ Heart. (Matthew 19:5-6, 20-21)

⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root...²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

• The _____ Heart. (Matthew 13:7, 22)

⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants...

²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

• The _____ Heart. (Matthew 13:8, 23)

⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.....²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

3. God uses our problems to _____.

_____ = the sum total of the traits that form the individual nature of a person or thing. One such feature or trait;

_____.

_____ = to be _____ or to be

_____.

_____ = who we are when _____

_____.

...Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"⁸ But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. ¹¹One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹²She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Genesis 39:6-12

• Our character begins to change when we begin _____.

• We know our character has changed when we want to _____ and what we have with Him.

"How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

Genesis 39:9

- We know our character has changed when we refuse to _____.

She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Genesis 39:6-12

- We know our character has changed when we are willing to _____

_____ doing what is right.

Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

Genesis 39:20

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 39:20-21

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