

ENVIRONMENT

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GOD PUTS HIS OWN WITH THE PEOPLE AND IN THE PLACE WHICH WILL TEND MOST TO DEVELOP THE SPIRITUAL GRACES.

HE PUTS ONE WHO IS QUICK WITH ONE WHO IS SLOW, AND ONE WHO IS QUIET WITH ONE WHO IS TALKATIVE; THAT THE ONE WHO IS QUICK OR QUIET MAY BE PATIENT WITH THE ONE WHO IS SLOW OR TALKATIVE.

HE PUTS ONE WHO IS ORDERLY WITH ONE WHO IS UNTIDY, THAT BOTH MAY LEARN LESSONS. OFTEN OUR ENVIRONMENT IS BUT AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS.

WE PRAY FOR PATIENCE, AND GOD SENDS THOSE WHO TAX US TO THE UTMOST; FOR "TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE." (ROM. 5:3)

WE PRAY FOR SUBMISSION AND GOD SENDS SUFFERING, FOR WE LEARN OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS WE SUFFER. (HEB. 5:8)

WE PRAY FOR UNSELFISHNESS AND GOD GIVES OPPORTUNITIES TO SACRIFICE OURSELVES BY THINKING ON THE "THINGS OF OTHERS." (PHIL. 2:4)

WE PRAY FOR VICTORY, AND THE THINGS OF THE WORLD SWEEP DOWN UPON US IN A STORM OF TEMPTATION, FOR, "THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH." (I JOHN 5:4; 4:4)

WE PRAY FOR HUMILITY AND STRENGTH, AND SOME MESSENGER OF SATAN TORMENTS US UNTIL WE LIE IN THE DUST, CRYING TO GOD FOR ITS REMOVAL. (II COR. 12:8)

WE PRAY FOR UNION WITH JESUS, AND GOD SEVERS NATURAL TIES AND LETS OUR BEST FRIENDS MISUNDERSTAND OR BECOME INDIFFERENT TO US. (JOHN 15:2)

WE PRAY FOR MORE LOVE AND GOD SENDS PECULIAR SUFFERING, AND PUTS US WITH APPARENTLY UNLOVELY PERSONS AND LETS THEM SAY THINGS TO REAP NERVES, LACERATE THE HEART, AND STING THE CONSCIENCE; FOR "CHARITY SUFFERETH LONG, AND IS KIND; CHARITY

SEEKETH NOT HER OWN, IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED, CHARITY BEARETH ALL THINGS, BELIEVETH ALL THINGS, HOPETH ALL THINGS, ENDURETH ALL THINGS. CHARITY NEVER FAILETH.” (I COR. 13:4-8; JOHN 15:9, 10)

WE ASK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND HE SEPARATES US FROM HOME AND KINDRED, FOR HE HIMSELF SAID: “WHOSOEVER HE BE OF YOU THAT FORSAKETH NOT ALL THAT HE HATH, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.” (LUKE 14:33)

WE PRAY FOR THE LAMB LIFE, AND ARE GIVEN A PORTION OF SERVICE, OR WE ARE INJURED AND MUST SEEK NO REDRESS; FOR HE WAS LED AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH. (IS. 53:7)

WE PRAY FOR GENTLENESS AND THERE COMES A PERFECT STORM OF TEMPTATION TO YIELD TO HARSHNESS AND IRRITABILITY.

WE PRAY FOR QUIETNESS, AND EVERYTHING WITHIN AND AROUND IS CONFUSION, THAT WE MAY LEARN WHEN HE GIVETH QUIETNESS NO ONE CAN MAKE TROUBLE. (JOB 34:29)