

*How to Handle Hardship*

**“Understand God’s Purpose”  
(Philippians 2.12-18)**

**God permits hardship to develop our \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs 12-14)**

1. Salvation is a gift and a \_\_\_\_\_ process
  
2. Growth requires continued \_\_\_\_\_ and diligence
  - 1) When trials come, some people don’t grow, but \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - 2) You be \_\_\_\_\_ even though you don’t fully \_\_\_\_\_ why trials have come
  
  - 3) Bear in mind that the growth occurs in the “ \_\_\_\_\_,” not on the “ \_\_\_\_\_” (James 1.2-4)

3. Hardships are like \_\_\_\_\_ for the soul

**God permits hardship to enhance our \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs 15-18)**

While few will notice your faith in easy times,  
pain puts the \_\_\_\_\_ on you

1. Essential #1: faithful \_\_\_\_\_

2. Essential #2: a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit

1) Verse 14 is likely the Biblical command that Christian people \_\_\_\_\_ the most

2) Endure hardship with a pleasant spirit, and even the most hardened pagan will be \_\_\_\_\_ with your faith

3. Essential #3: a \_\_\_\_\_ affirmation

1) If you behave admirably but say nothing, people give glory to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of to \_\_\_\_\_

2) Somehow the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be brought in

3) When you suffer hardship, verbally bring up the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Scripture Reference:** Romans 6.23; Philippians 1.6; Hebrews 12.7-12; 2 Corinthians 9.13; Matthew 5.16; 1 Peter 3.15; Hebrews 12.2-3