

Created to Become Like Christ

RePurpose – Part 4

“God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth...Everything was created through him and for him.”

Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son...” Romans 8:29a (NLT)

My 3rd purpose is to become more like Jesus. (Discipleship = Grow)

Growing by Knowing

God’s Word (John 8:31b)

God’s people (Hebrews 10:24)

Growing by Going Through

“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 (NIV)

1) Troubles can grow my trust in God.

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.” Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

“‘Abba, Father,’ he cried out, ‘everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’” Mark 14:36 (NLT)

Tips: Remember God’s faithfulness

Remember the reward (2 Corinthians 4:17)

2) Temptations can grow my obedience to God.

“‘Get out of here, Satan,’ Jesus told him. ‘The Scriptures say, Worship only the Lord God. Obey only him.’” Matthew 4:10 (TLB)

Tips: Refocus your mind (Philippians 4:8)

Rely on others (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

3) Trespasses can grow my forgiveness of others.

“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing...” Luke 23:34 (NLT)

Tips: Remember God has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32) Remember God is in control (Genesis 50:20)

“Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life... Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”

Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT)