Biblical Principles for a Prosperous Life
Lesson #8

Adversity Only Lasts as Long as Necessary for God to Accomplish His Purpose

1 Samuel 30:1-6

1. How do you handle or react to adversity? (list 3 ways)

2. If you want God's best for your life and you desire to be used by Him, _____ is essential.
   - Many view adversity only as negative and _____
   - God designs adversity to become a _____
   - God will not keep it in your life any longer than _____
3. So What about Adversity/Trial/Tribulation?
   - Some are nearly _____by them.
   - Others learn to stand in the CONFIDENCE of God's _____.
   - Adversity shows us where we stand in our _____
4. God puts a _____on ALL adversity
   - He knows what you can handle
     - 1 Corinthians 10:13
     - Psalm 34:19
     - Psalm 103:13-14
   - God is thrilled when we respond correctly and allow Him to conform us.
5. Three things to learn when facing adversity
   - Adversity is God's choice tool for building godly, spiritual _____into us. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)
     - Use adversity to mold and shape
     - He brings it to us with a _____
   - Adversity usually comes in areas we feel most _____
   - Adversity is God's design is to _____us to Christ's image

6. Adversity does at least 8 things for us:
    - Gets our _____
    - Reveals our strengths and _____
    - Increases our _____ to sin
    - Demonstrates His power and _____
    - Strengthens our _____
    - Removes our _____ and self-centeredness
    - Prepares us for _____
    - _____us to minister to others

Biblical Examples:

Joseph – pride, pit, slavery, prison, promotion

Jonah – adversity= scourging—producing results

Moses – Ruler for God to herding sheep for 40 years to life mission

How do I handle a trial not of my own doing?

1 Peter 1:6-7