

“Principles from Pain”
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I. Be Compassionate- for _____ gives birth to compassion

A. Don't underestimate the pain of _____.

Mark 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

The word compassion is found 77 times in the NIV Bible w/ 44 of them being direct references to God's compassion towards mankind! When you're compassionate, you're being like God.

B. True compassion is born _____ of pain.

- Until you experience true & unrelenting pain, your ability to have compassion for another person's pain is ... simply limited.

C. There is a difference between sympathy and _____.

- Empathy not only sees the pain, but understands and relates to the pain.

Hebrews 4:15 We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all — all but the sin. ~The Message

II. Pain Teaches Lessons, Prosperity Never Will- and we're _____ learners

A. _____ - Lazarus' Resurrection, John 11:1-44

B. _____ - Blind Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46-52

C. _____ - Hebrews 13:5

Hebrews 13:5,6 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. ..."

III. God knows what you can handle- even when you _____

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

IV. There are some areas where I have no influence- so don't _____ your time trying

A. "Let God be God"

B. Realize your _____.

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

V. Certain struggles produce certain results- and maybe I _____ some development there

A. Accepting help is _____

2 Corinthians 1:3,4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

B. I need _____

Romans 14:8 For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone

VI. Pain can redirect us- because we're not always heading in the _____ direction

2 Corinthians 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A. You're never too sick to _____

B. We're _____ so close to God that we can't get closer

VII. Pain can be discipline- because we're not always doing what we're _____ to

Hebrews 12:10b ... but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

A. For our _____ – Sometimes we wander off and need to be brought back around to what is right.

B. That we may share in His _____ – God is purging from us the sinfulness that separates us & Him.

C. It produces righteousness and _____ – Discipline always pays off in the long run.

Action Points

1. Am I compassionate? _____
2. What lessons do I need to learn? _____
3. Do I trust God? _____
4. Have I been worrying? _____
5. Where am I spiritually underdeveloped? _____
- Am I headed in a wrong direction? _____
7. Do I need some correction? _____