

Living In The Last Days #7
Hanging Tough, 2 Thess. 1:1-12
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IN TOUGH TIMES I NEED TO...

1) _____ to deepen my spiritual life.

We always have to thank God for you, brothers and sisters. It's right to do this because your faith is showing remarkable growth and your love for each other is increasing. That's why we brag in God's churches about your endurance and faith in all the persecutions and suffering you are experiencing. 2 Thes. 1:3-4 (GW)

Growing _____ are two signs my spiritual life is deepening.

TROUBLE MAKES MY FAITH GROW BY...

- Making me face _____
- Testing to see if I'm _____

2) _____ to bring about justice.

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 2 Thes. 1:5-7

3) Compassionately _____ to the lost.

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 2 Thes. 1:8-10

4) _____ on giving Glory to Jesus!

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thes. 1:12

5) _____ that God will fulfill His purposes in my life.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. 2 Thes. 1:11

6) YBH –

- Pay attention to my _____

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23

Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23 (NAS)

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34

But what comes out of the mouth gets its start in the heart. Matthew 15:18 (Mes)

- An open heart to God is the _____

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: " 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused ;they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' Matthew 13:14-15