



So We Would Know

John 9:3

Why We Are Here

John 9:1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Teacher," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" **NLT**

1. Life is not an existence of checks and balances where you obey the rules and _____ the _____.
2. The specific reason for each of life's circumstances are not always explainable but the circumstances are all _____.
3. "We aren't sinners because we sin. We sin because we are _____ sinners."

John 9:3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "He was born blind so the power of God could be seen in him." **NLT**

4. We never view personal tragedy as an opportunity to point people to the power and majesty of God, because:
 - a. We are such a _____ - _____ culture;
Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you your heart's desires. NLT
 - b. We have a very short-sighted, here-and-now view of our _____.
Philippians 1:21 For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better.
5. Life's two big questions:
 - a. _____ am I _____?
 - b. How do I _____ my reason for being here?
6. This life is not about me and that's very _____ to _____.

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7. Life's tragedies and blessings are to be _____ for God.
8. The conflict in my thinking arises because this self-centered, hedonistic culture, has _____ me in the _____ that everything is for me.
9. When I don't understand that the difficulties in life, even the tragedies in life, are opportunities for God:
 - a. I can become very alone and _____.
 - b. I can question the one thing that will pull me through; my _____ in _____.
 - c. I miss an opportunity to be a _____ to _____.
 - d. I miss the opportunity to be a _____ to _____.

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice — the kind He will accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is. 3 As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of ourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. NLT

10. When you are dealing with great difficulty, _____ the _____. Force the problem to become an opportunity to reflect what Christ has, is and will do in your life.
 - a. An opportunity to share what Christ has done in your _____ through this challenge.
 - b. The opportunity to reflect what Christ is currently doing by using your challenges as a _____.
 - c. The opportunity to share the confidence you have in the _____ to _____.
11. As we grasp a greater understanding of the incredible eternity that awaits us, the current tragedies that befall us become bearable... even _____.

John 9:4 All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent me, because there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end. 5 But while I am still here in the world, I am the light of the world." NLT