

## Living the Process

### The 4 Basic Types of People:

#### 1) Hard Ground / Hearted:

a. When people have hard hearts - there's demonic activity in their lives keeping them from seeing and receiving the word.

b. The message never truly gets a chance to grow.

## **2) Stony Ground:**

- a. These are the people who start a lot of projects, but don't finish much.**
- b. They have big plans and ideas, and very few accomplishments.**
- c. They are big into new projects...**
- d. When things become difficult, they're on to a new thing, and never finish the old.**

## **3) Ground with Thorns:**


- a. This is kind of a catch-all category...**
- b. cares and anxieties of the world**
- c. distractions of the age, the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things.**

#### **4) Good Ground:**


- a. Not without issues. (30, 60, 100 fold)**
- b. This is the goal**

#### **Romans 8:16-18 (NKJV)**

**[16] The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**




**[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**




**1 Peter 1:6-16 (NIV)**


**[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed**




**[8] Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**




**[10] Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, [11] trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow**



**[12] It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.**



**[13] Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. [14] As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.**



**[15] But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**



**1. Numerous things stated are simply growth:**

- Trials & testing of faith (v. 6-7)
- preparation of the mind, learn self-control (v. 13)
- setting our hope (v. 13)

**2. But sin is also touched. (v. 14-16)**

### 1 Peter 4:1-3 (NIV)


[1] Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. [2] As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

[3] For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.





**God is as interested in / more interested in the  
Process as He is in the actual fulfilled Promise.**




**Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)  
[2] It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,  
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.**


1 Peter 4:12-5:1 (NIV)

[12] Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

[14] If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. [15] If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. [16] However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.



[17] For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? [18] And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”



[19] So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.



**[5:1] To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:**

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- 1. The Perspective / Attitude.**
  - 2. The Process.**
  - 3. The Focus.**
  - 4. How it Looks / Feels.**
  - 5. The End Product.**

**The Perspective / Attitude > Trials and Suffering are not  
Abnormal / Rejoice / Praise God, Commit yourself to  
God in the process.  
(v. 12, 13, 16, 19)**

**The Process > Painful Trial, Sufferings, Insulted.  
(v. 12, 13, 14, 16, 19)**

**The Focus > Our Salvation & the Glory  
(v. 13, 14, 17, 18)**


**How it Looks / Feels > Painful Trials, Suffering &  
Insulted,  
Learning Obedience.  
(v. 12-14, 17-18)**

**The End Product > Joy in the end, Shared Glory.  
(v. 13-14, 5:1)**


James 1:2-4 (AMP)

[2] Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations.


[3] Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience.



[4] But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.




James 1:4 (NKJV)  
that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.



**The Perspective / Attitude > Count it all Joy / Joyful  
(v. 2a)**

**The Process > Trial and Various Temptations (v. 2b)**

**The Focus > Your Faith (v. 3)**



**How it Looks / Feels > Endurance, Steadfastness,  
Patience. (v. 3b, and 4a)**

**The End Product > (Perfect) Mature / Complete,  
Fully Developed, Lacking Nothing. (v. 4b)**



1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (AMP)

[6] [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,

**[7] So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.**

**The Perspective / Attitude > Rejoice / Exceedingly Glad  
(v. 6a)**

**The Process > Trial and Various Temptations  
(v.6b)**

**The Focus > Your Faith  
(v. 7a)**


**How it Looks / Feels > Distressed, Suffering, Grief.  
(v. 6b)**

**The End Product > Praise, Glory, and Honor for us.  
(v. 7b)**


**> Proving of our Faith to be Genuine.  
(v. 7)**

**Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)**


**[1] Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.**



And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. [3]  
Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings,  
because we know that suffering produces  
perseverance;




[4] perseverance, character; and character, hope.  
[5] And hope does not disappoint us, because God  
has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy  
Spirit, whom he has given us.



**The Perspective / Attitude > Rejoice**  
**(v. 2b, 3a)**

**The Process > Hope of the Glory, Suffering**  
**(v. 2b, 3a, 5a)**

**The Focus > Because of our Faith**  
**(v. 1-2)**




**How it Looks / Feels > Suffering, Perseverance.**  
**(v. 3)**

**The End Product > Change in our Character & Hope.**  
**> Getting free from Disappointment.**  
**(v. 4b)**


## 2 Peter 1:3-11 (NIV)

[3] His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. [4] Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

[5] For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; [6] and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; [7] and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.



**[8] For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. [10] Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.**



**For if you do these things, you will never fall, [11] and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**



**The Perspective / Attitude > Be Eager (v. 10a)**

**The Process > Faith to Goodness, to Knowledge,  
to Self- Control, to Perseverance, to Godliness,  
to Brotherly Kindness, to Love in ever  
increasing measure. (v. 5-8a)**



**The Focus > Again it begins with Faith (v. 5)**

**How it Looks / Feels > Growing in Faith, Goodness,  
Knowledge, Self-Control, Perseverance,  
Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, and Love.  
(v. 5-7)**



**The End Product > participate in Divine Nature and  
escape the Fallen Nature and it's evil desires.**

**(v. 4b)**

**> we will never fall**

**(v. 10b)**

**> we will receive a rich welcome into the eternal  
kingdom.**

**(v. 11)**

**We've been taught that life success is measured by  
our comfort level.**

**a. Therefore we do everything we can to get out of  
uncomfortable / difficult situations.**

**b. Even to our own self- detriment.**

**c. It's Demonic at its core.**



**Scripture teaches that as we handle discomfort / difficulty / trials / things that pain us - - as we handle them correctly:**

**a. That will ultimately produce true success and comfort.**

**b. It's Godly at it's core.**



**Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)**

**[35] So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. [36] You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.**



**Conclusion:**

**God Loves the Process, as much as the Result.**

**Realize: What God is doing in us is a Good Thing.**

**Embrace it rather than run from it / avoid it.**



**Focus on the Goal / Reward - - Not the current  
discomfort or pain.**

**The more we engage it, the quicker the work is  
done.**

**PERSPECTIVE IS EVERYTHING!!!!**