

What Is God Doing?

Romans 8:28-29a

And we know that In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose. for those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...

In what ways do you see God working in all things in your marriage, for your good, to make you more like Jesus?

What God is doing is only part of the sanctification process. Working in all things for the good of those who love Him to accomplish the purpose of conforming us to the likeness of His Son is God's part. Our part is perhaps best summarized by what Paul teaches in:

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

What are some things you know that you need to be putting off? What are the things that you know you need to be putting on which should be in place of those things you should be putting off?

How do you put off your old self and put on the new self?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (Berean Study Bible)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

Are you using God's Word to be instructed how to put off your old self and put on the new self?

Are you using God's Word to be convicted about putting off your old self?

Are you using God's Word to be corrected as to how to put on the new self?

Are you using God's Word to be trained in righteousness as you put off your old self and put on the new self?

Identify an area in which you would like to experience more spiritual growth or in which you know that you need to grow spiritually. Use the questions below to guide you as you begin to study what God has to say about it; what God means by what He says about it; and how God wants you to respond to what He says about it.

What does the Scripture instruct about _____ ?
(i. e. putting off anger/ putting on kindness)

- What are two verses/passages which specifically address the issue? Write them out.

- What are two parallel verses/passages which are related to the issue? Write them out.

How does the Scripture convict me about _____ ?

(i. e. putting off anger)

- How do the above passages prove God's case against me in relation to the issue?

How does the Scripture correct me about _____ ?

(i. e. putting on kindness)

- What do the above passages say about what I am to "put on" instead of what they have revealed that I am to "put off"?

- What are two additional passages which show how I can "put on the new self" in this area? Write them out.

What examples & disciplines does the Scripture prescribe to train me in righteousness about _____ ?

(i. e. putting off anger/ putting on kindness)

- What are two examples of people from Scripture, who have successfully faced this issue or a similar issue, which I should follow?

- What are two disciplines which the Scripture recommends that will help me to grow in this area?