

## The Problem of Human Suffering - 2 Thessalonians 1:4

### I. The Suffering Church

1. The Thessalonian church had demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ while suffering persecutions and tribulations.
2. The church in Smyrna were encouraged not to \_\_\_\_\_ the things they were about to suffer. (Revelation 2:10)
3. Jesus said that when we suffer persecution, we are \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ S \_\_\_. (Matthew 5:11)
4. All who desire to live \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12)

### II. Causes of Human Suffering

5. Being a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ will lead to poverty. (Proverbs 23:21)
  - a. A decision not to work will lead one to be clothed in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Because Adam and Eve decided to eat of the forbidden tree, they would \_\_\_ I \_\_\_. (Gen. 3:19)
7. Making decisions that are \_\_\_\_\_ or not according to God's \_\_\_\_\_ can cause suffering and trouble. (Ephesians 5:17)
8. Did God or Satan cause Job's suffering according to Job 2:7? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Satan can cause us to suffer by fooling us into thinking he is an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 11:14)
10. "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to God. \_\_\_\_\_ the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)
11. The actions of others, such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ immorality can cause our suffering. (Revelation 9:21)
12. The foolish actions of one can bring \_\_\_ R \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to the family. (Proverbs 10:1)
13. Natural disasters cause suffering because the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will remain the same till the Lord comes again. (2 Peter 3:7)

### III. Dealing with Human Suffering

14. The Lord told Paul, "My strength is made perfect in \_\_\_\_\_." (2 Cor. 12:9)
15. We find kinship and relief because Christ suffered for \_\_\_\_\_, leaving us His \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 2:21)
16. We look forward with hope to heaven because the former things (suffering) have \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 21:4)