

Bethesda Church
STRENGTH FOR STRESSFUL TIMES
Part 2- LETTING GOD BE GOD!

Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. 1 Chronicles 29:11

God's sovereignty:

* Over _____ Psalm 148, Isaiah 45:12

* Over _____ Isaiah 14:26-27, 46:10-11

* Over _____ examples:

- when I was born and where (Acts 17:26)

- How long I will live (Job 14:5)

- What natural talents I have (Exodus 31:1-3)

HOW GOD'S CONTROL AFFECTS ME

1. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL...

MY PLANS _____

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

We make our plans, but God has the last word. Prov. 16:1

Wrong attitude: _____
(Proverbs 27:1)

Now listen, you who say "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money." Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow! ... Instead, you ought to say, "IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that..." James 4:13-15

Right attitude: _____

(Proverbs 16:9)

2. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL...

My problems _____

At present you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident - it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold" 1 Peter 1:6-7

JOB'S RESPONSE: "The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21

JOSEPH'S RESPONSE: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

MY RESPONSE: _____

This is the reason we never lose heart... These troubles (which are temporary)(are winning for us a permanent, glorious, and solid reward out of proportion to our pain. 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

3. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL...

My prayers _____

(God)...is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of - infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. Ephesians 3:20

WHY DON'T I GET EVERYTHING I PRAY FOR?

1. God is _____

2. Sometimes I pray _____

3. God knows what's _____

We are sure that God hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. He hears us whenever we ask him... and we know also that he gives us what we ask from him. 1 John 5:14-15