



Obstacles Are Opportunities In Disguise

PRINCIPLE: EVERY IRRITATION IS AN INVITATION TO GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

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Frustrations are veiled doorways to our destiny. Until we see our lives from God’s point of view, we will never see the good that is possible because of these frustrations. If we obsess over the pain and displeasure inherently associated with the struggles of life, we will miss their entire point. Each of our lives are intentionally shrouded in secrecy; our true purpose disguised in a maze of problems. Complaining about the setbacks only distracts us from receiving the truth behind the mystery. The key to life is to not stop at the surface of a problem, but to dig deep enough to uncover the reason and value behind each trouble.

From this moment on, let your default attitude be “God, what marvelous thing are You trying to show me through the challenges I am presently facing?”

Though Paul the Apostle was in prison and would eventually be beheaded, he still saw how God graciously used for good what Satan meant for evil. Refusing to see his circumstance in a negative light, Paul wrote, “Now I want you to know and continue to rest assured, brethren, that what [has happened] to me [this imprisonment] has actually only served to advance and give a renewed impetus to the [spreading of the] good news [the gospel].” (Philippians 1:12, Amplified)

In 1962, Victor and Mildred Goertzel published a revealing study of 413 famous and exceptionally gifted people, called Cradles of Eminence. The couple spent years attempting to understand what produced such greatness, what common thread might run through all of these extraordinary people’s lives.

Surprisingly, the most outstanding fact was that virtually all of them, 392 out of 413, had to overcome very difficult obstacles in their lives in order to become who they were. It’s a fact! Difficulties in our lives are the greatest shapers of our destiny.

1 Who are the personal heroes that you esteem because of the obstacles they overcame?