

I. An upgrade in the quality of our life is defined as deepening our _____ with Jesus and others and the development of His _____ in us.

II. The opportunity for upgrade comes primarily through _____ and _____.

1 Peter 4:12-13 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.

III. During trials we must _____ the enemy and the natural tendency to _____ from God and others.

James 4:7 NLT ⁷ So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Proverbs 18:1 AMP ¹ HE WHO willfully separates and estranges himself [from God and man] seeks his own desire and pretext to break out against all wise and sound judgment.

II Thessalonians 2:3 NASB ³ Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction

IV. Receiving an upgrade usually includes: _____ life’s difficulties with joy and _____ into God with great confidence.

James 1:2 NIV ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

Romans 5:3-5 NIV 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.

V. Upgrades are _____ by our close connection to other believers in the body.

Hebrews 10: 24-25 NLT ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.