

# “How to Make Life Make Sense”

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## I. How to Handle Hard Times

### *Luke 6:43*

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

## II. Burn Thorns and Keep Grapes

### *Luke 6:44*

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

### *Philippians 4:6-9*

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

<sup>9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

## III. How do I Deal with Temptation that Comes?

### *Luke 6:45-49*

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

<sup>46</sup> And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

<sup>47</sup> Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

<sup>48</sup> He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

<sup>49</sup> But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

### *2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

<sup>18</sup> While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.