



The problem with the quick fixes.

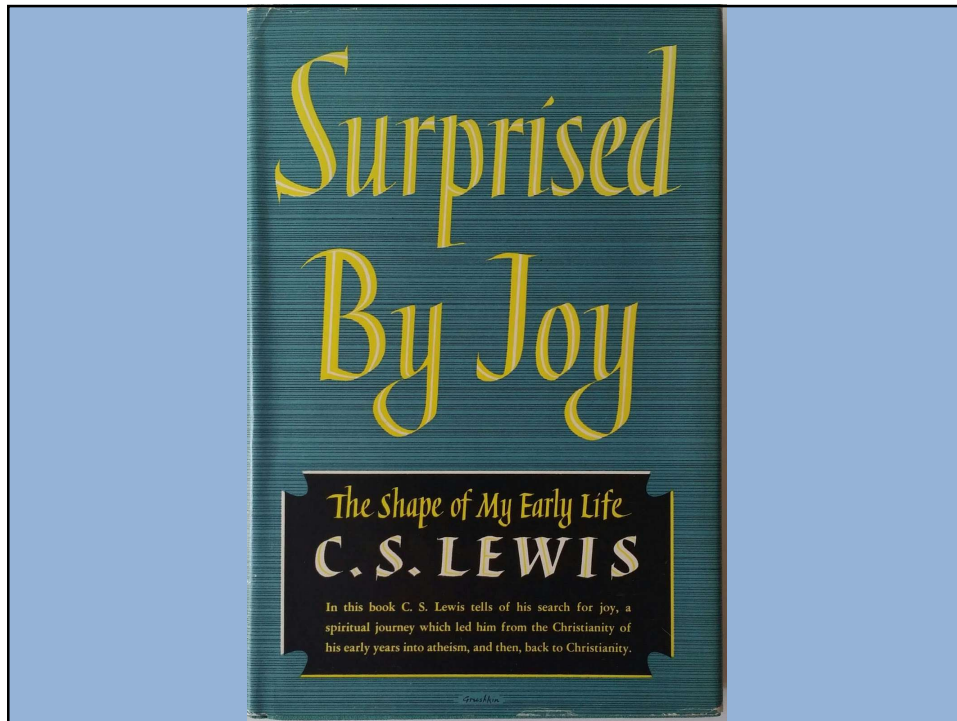
- 1.They are short-lived.
- 2.By repetition they lose their relish
- 3.and they rob all normal pleasures of their value, such as friendship and beauty.

Men and women are

- . DEFILED BY SIN
- . ENTRANCED BY PASSION
- . FAST HELD BY FEARS
- . WRECKED WITH CARES
- . DISTRACTED WITH CURIOSITIES
- . ENTRANCED BY VANITIES
- . ENCOMPASSED BY ERRORS
- . WORN OUT BY LABORS
- . BURDENED BY TEMPTATIONS
- . INVETERATED BY PLEASURES
- . AND TORMENTED BY WANTS

But the fruit of the *Spirit*  
is love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness,  
self-control;  
against such things  
there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23



**2 Corinthians 11:23**

**Are they Servants of Christ, I'm out of my mind to talk like this, but I am more.**

**I have worked much harder been in prison more frequently been flogged more severely been exposed to death again and again.**

**Five times I received from the Jews the 40 lashes minus one.**

**Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked**

**I spent a night and a day in the open sea.**

**I've been constantly on the move.**

- **I've been in danger from rivers,**
- **in danger from bandits,**
- **in danger from my own countrymen,**
- **in danger from Gentiles,**
- **in danger in the city,**
- **in danger in the country,**
- **in danger at sea,**
- **and in danger from false brethren.**

**I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep.**

**I've known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food.**

**I've been cold and naked.**

**And besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.**

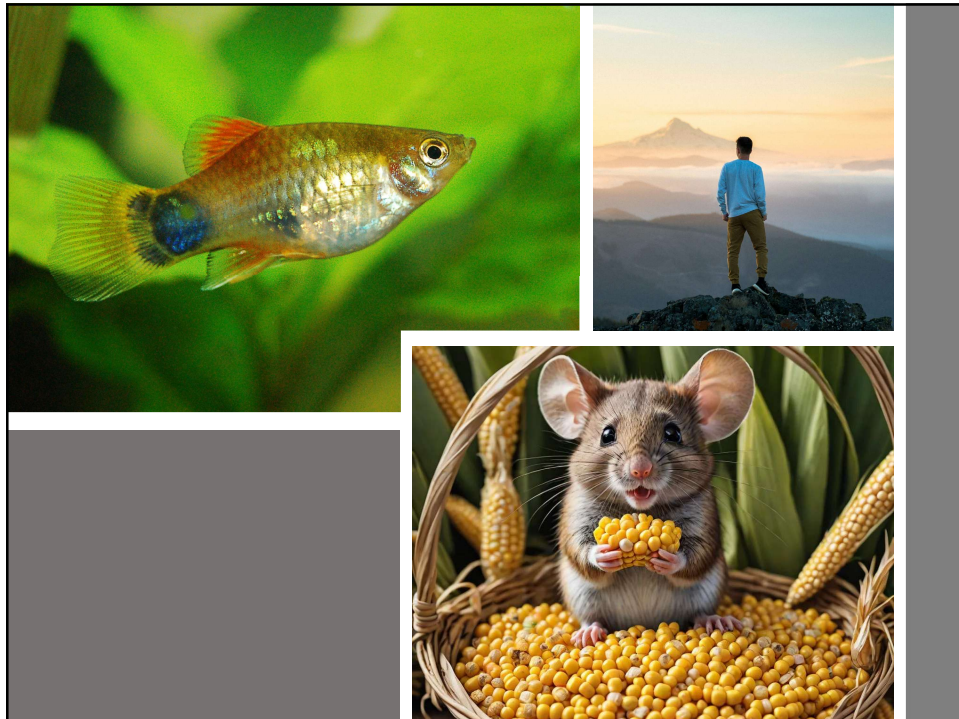
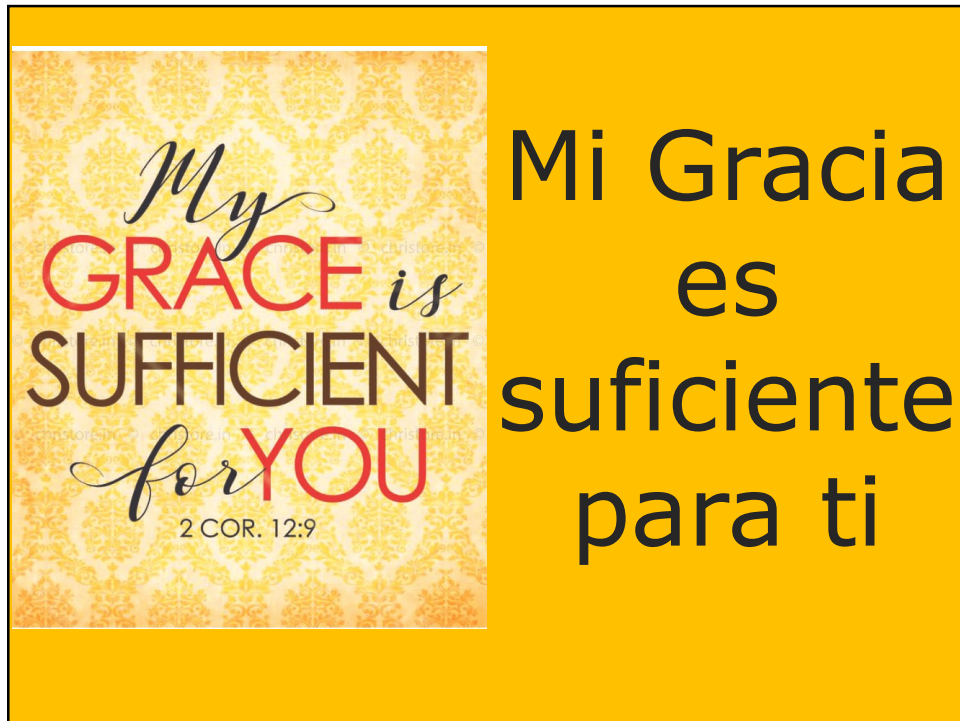


To keep me from becoming conceited, (because of the dreams and visions that he had), because of these surpassingly great revelations there was given me a thorn in my flesh a messenger of Satan to torment me.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me, but he said to me my grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**That is why for Christ's  
sake I delight in  
weaknesses, in insults,  
in hardships in  
persecutions, in  
difficulties, for when I'm  
weak then I am strong.  
2 Cor. 12:7-10**





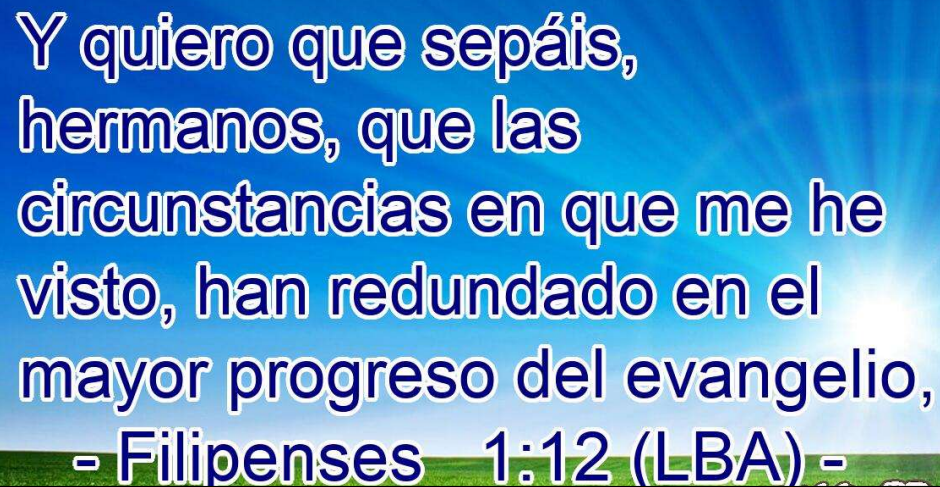
# 1. God can bring good out of anything

Romans 8:28

We know, not we guess, we  
know that in all that happens, all  
that happens,  
that's the good, the bad  
and the ugly,  
we know that all, in all that happens  
God works for the good of those  
who love him and  
are called according to his purpose.



I want you to know dear brothers and sisters that everything, everything, all what had happened in the past four years that I told you about, everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the good news. Philippians 1:12. \*



Y quiero que sepáis,  
hermanos, que las  
circunstancias en que me he  
visto, han redundado en el  
mayor progreso del evangelio,  
- Filipenses 1:12 (LBA) -

**1. It tells us that some of Nero's own family had come to Christ.**

"Hermanos, quiero que sepan que, en realidad, lo que me ha pasado ha contribuido al avance del evangelio. 13 Es más, se ha hecho evidente a toda la guardia del palacio y a todos los demás que estoy encadenado por causa de Cristo" (Filipenses 1:12-13)

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ALL THE SAINTS SEND YOU  
GREETINGS, ESPECIALLY  
THOSE FROM THE  
HOUSEHOLD OF CAESAR.  
- PHILIPPIANS 4:22

*Todos los santos  
os saludan, y  
especialmente los  
de la casa de  
César.  
-Filipenses 4:22*

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**2. Believers began to be bolder in the sharing of the Gospel through Paul's example.**

<sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. \*

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Y la mayoría de los hermanos, cobrando ánimo en el Señor con mis prisiones, se atreven mucho más a hablar la palabra sin temor.

- Filipenses 1:14 (RVR) -

**3. Paul was given a new agenda by the Lord.**



## 4. Paul got some rest

## 2. Face every situation with faith not fear

<sup>14</sup> They (the brethren) proclaim the gospel without fear.

Lord,  
Help me, help me to see this  
from your perspective,  
help me to see my situation  
from your vantagepoint.

Help me to face this problem  
with faith  
not fear. Amen and amen

**3.  
Control  
my  
attitude**

**IF YOU  
DON'T  
CONTROL  
YOUR  
ATTITUDE,  
THEN IT WILL  
CONTROL  
YOU.**  
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## Four kinds of people:

- 1.critics
- 2.companions
- 3.competitors
- 4.challengers.

### **Critics**

Vs.15

There are some people who preach Christ because they're jealous of us and they like to argue.

Algunos, predicán a Cristo por envidia y contienda.

## **Companions**

**Vs.15**

**But others preach about Christ with pure motives. <sup>16</sup> They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Gospel.**

**Pero otros, de buena voluntad.**

## **Competition**

**Vs.17**

**Some preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely.**

**Aquellos predicán a Cristo por ambición personal y no por motivos puros,**

**Challengers (Crazy makers)****Vs.17b**

**Supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.**



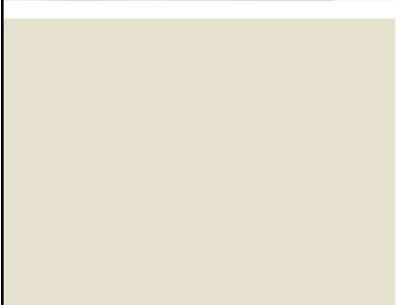
**Pensando que con ello hacen más dura mi prisión.**

**18.**

**If their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.**



4. Paul says you can  
have enduring  
happiness no matter  
what if I have the  
mind of Christ.

	<p><i>Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus</i></p> <p>Ph</p>		
		<p><i>Tengan la misma actitud, o manera de pensar que tuvo Cristo Jesús</i></p> <p>Filipenses 2:5</p>	



- 1)Fret not--God loves you (Romans 8:28),  
**All things work out for good for those under His care because He cares for you.**
- 2)Faint not--He holds you (Phil 4:11 **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstance**),  
 Attitude is altitude.  
 I choose to accept that God is in control of the universe and my life.
- 3)Fear not--He keeps you.  
 I live my life with faith not fear.
- 4) Fuse not. He abides with you. **Be anxious for nothing but in everything let the peace of Christ rule your hearts and minds.** Philippians 4:6,7

