

DON'T SCORN YOUR THORN

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I. THE M_____ OF THE THORN: W_____ IS IT?

- A thorn is the flesh is any a_____ in our lives that could produce self-pity and b_____
- Satan t_____ the thorn experience to d_____ us
- God t_____ the thorn experience for His glory and our g_____

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28



II. THE M_____ OF THE THORN: H_____ CAN GOD USE IT?

- It keeps me from being p_____ (James 4:6)
 - v. 7 To keep me from being conceited because of these surpassing great revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh.
- It drives me to p_____
 - v. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.
- It makes me depend on g_____
 - v. 9 My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness
- It allows me to offer a sacrifice of p_____ (Heb. 13:15)
 - v. 9 Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me

THORNS & THISTLES

Genesis 3:17 Cursed is the ground because of you...it will produce thorns and thistles.

Malachi 4:6 ...or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.

Revelation 22:3 No longer will there be any curse!

