

Optimizing Suffering

Are you getting the most out of your suffering?

*I'm not in it to win any kind of suffering prize,
I'm just trying to understand why in living, I agonize.*

*In life, I should have accomplished so very much more,
But I always seem too busy fighting yet another suffering war.*

*Like others, my lack of spiritual successes, I try to rationalize,
But my heart keeps telling me excuses and lies.*

*I self-justify why for God, I am getting so little done,
It's because of my fear of bringing on more suffering from which
I'm always on the run.*

*I too, could have done noble works like Mother Theresa or Billy
Graham,
But because of my misuse of life's suffering, I am who I am.*

*I let Suffering become the chief of all my excuses,
I blame it most for life's production abuses.*

*I tell myself that I was a victim of being dealt a losing hand,
Otherwise, my accomplishments would have been so much more
grand.*

*But Biblically speaking, Suffering is to be viewed as my friend,
It alone is the difference between who I am and who I might have
been.*

*But if I continue to treat suffering as my enemy,
I will have sacrificed my ability to develop empathy.*

*Because of God, things do not happen to me, but for me,
Suffering is the tool God most often employs to grow me.*

*If, because of suffering, I allow myself to become a victim,
I will miss God's way of giving me wisdom.*

*If I dwell on what happens to me in my suffering
I will miss what happens for me from my suffering.*

*Suffering is my steppingstone to achieve greater things,
The more it is embraced, the more blessings to me it brings.*

*In the future from my heavenly home, when I look back,
I will then know that I could have done so much more but for
suffering's lack.*

*God, please give me courage so that I will strive for considerably
more,
Sacrificing myself in harm's way by allowing your love through me
to pour.*

*Take away my fear of being misunderstood,
Allow me to speak forcefully of all your loving good.*

*Give me understanding of how to communicate your healing love,
In such a way that people know it's from you above.*

*In my every meeting, may people see and feel your loving touch,
And may they run to you to experience your loving clutch.*

*May they yearn for heaven's loving atmosphere,
And allow Jesus to take them there.*

*By being with me, may they really be with thee,
And may their eyes be opened for your love to see.*

*May their hearts burn to have more of you,
To make their lives reborn anew.*

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(Loved by God to love you)