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By Roy Lessin

We are assured and know that all things work together and are for good to and for those who love God and are called according to design and purpose. Romans 8:28 AMP

Many of us need to be released from a great burden. The burden I am speaking about is not a huge work load, a full schedule, a pressing need, or a perplexing problem. The burden is our efforts to try and work "all things together for good."

Our first step in the release of this burden is to acknowledge that God is the only one who can work all things together for good. When we try to work things together for good we fail—pressure replaces peace, striving replaces serenity, exhaustion replaces rest. Those who fail to let God work things for the good will push, manipulate, and try to take control of people and circumstances as they "work" to try and make all things turn out for good in their lives and the lives of those they love.

When we try and work things together for the good they soon go bad. The truth is, we don't have the power to change circumstances or people for the good...we even lack the wisdom to know what the good looks like in every situation, circumstance, and relationship in life.

We must also understand that when God works all things for the good, He is working according to His good pleasure... He works to please Himself, not to please us. However, if our pleasure is to please Him, then we can rejoice in all He is doing.

If you are trying to work things together for the good at work, release it to God;
If you are trying to work things together for the good at home; release it to God;
If you are trying to work things together for the good in someone's life, release it to God;
If you are trying to work things together for good in your life, release it to God.

Release your self-efforts fully to the Lord, wipe the sweat from your brow, and rest in the assurance that God knows what He is doing, knows how to do it, and knows when to do it in a way that will be according to His perfect design and purpose.

Re: God Works for the Good., on: 2012/8/15 21:18

Sister, I'm just finding this. This is such a help. I'm thinking about my family and I know the LORD is trying to speak these words to me "release them to GOD".

I have one prodigal and the rest are not saved, as you know - so I suspect that this is what I must do with them all.

Thank you, Sis for posting this right now.
LORD Bless you according to His Riches in Glory :)

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Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2012/8/15 22:12

This is so well-put, and surely is true....yet I still find it so difficult to do....you think you've released, and then you find you haven't...over and over and over....I do think I'm making progress though :) Thank you for sharing, Brownny...