

**WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN  
TO NOT SO GOOD PEOPLE - Part V**  
Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**  
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ONE - Sometimes something bad happens as a direct result from a **wrong action** or **wrong inaction** on our part. These wrong actions and wrong inactions exist as either mistakes or as sins.

TWO - Sometimes something bad happens to convince us to **trust** God.

THREE - Sometimes something bad happens to enable us to better **comfort** someone else.

FOUR - Sometimes something bad happens to remind us of our **eternal reward** in heaven.

FIVE - Sometimes something bad happens so that God is **glorified** in and through that situation.

SIX - Sometimes something bad happens to act as the agent God uses to conform us to **resemble** His Son, Jesus.

SEVEN - Sometimes something bad happens to present us unusual opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ others to do the same.

Reference: **Philippians 1:12-14** (see screen)

The word translated as "*furtherance*" describes something that is \_\_\_\_\_ and moving forward in spite of obstacles, dangers and distractions. That word was actually used as an ancient Greek military term. It referred to an Army Corp of Engineers that were assigned to go ahead of the actual troops and clear away the debris from the road and then build additional roads and bridges across rivers.) Paul said that God used him and his imprisonment at Rome similar to an army corps of engineers helping to advance the gospel into enemy territories.

Reference: **II Timothy 2:8-9, 13; Philippians 4:21-22** (see screen)

**Question:** Why did God permit Paul to be imprisoned?

**Answer:** There are two basic reasons that made this bad thing called imprisonment a good thing.

**One -** Paul was imprisoned so he could have a chance to witness to certain people he otherwise would \_\_\_\_\_.

**Purpose:** We are left here on this earth after our salvation in order to be both visible and verbal \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ.

Reference: **Act 1:8** (see screen)

The word "*witness*" is translated from a Greek word from which we get the word "\_\_\_\_\_."

**Problem:** In the middle of unfortunate circumstances we tend to think only about \_\_\_\_\_ and our problems and not anyone else.

**Questions:** What does God want to teach me through this situation? What opportunities is God presenting to me in this crisis? Is there someone God wants me to speak to about \_\_\_\_\_?"

**Two -** Paul was imprisoned so he could \_\_\_\_\_ other Christians to do the same thing (i.e. witness and evangelize)

Reference: **verse fourteen** (see screen)

**Problem:** Most Christians don't witness because most of them are \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **I John 4:18a** (see screen)

The secret to overcoming being afraid to witness is to \_\_\_\_\_ the person we want to witness to!