

SPECIAL WORDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE: OFFERING GRACE TO THE WEARY

WHAT JOB TEACHES US ABOUT OURSELVES

SELECTIONS FROM JOB



The Heart of the Matter

At the most basic level, the Bible has two purposes: first, to teach us truths about our God, and second, to teach us truths about ourselves. Truths, oftentimes, are hard to face, especially truths about ourselves—but face them we must. Knowing the truth about ourselves is particularly important when the bottom drops out of life. And because God chose to preserve the story of Job, we, thankfully, have a good teacher to teach us seven vital lessons.



Discovering the Way

1. We Never Know Ahead of Time the Plans God Has for Us (Job 1:1–19)

Because we don't know what lies ahead, be ready for anything.

2. A Vertical Perspective Will Keep Us from Horizontal Panic (Job 1:20–22)

When calamity comes, turn your attention heavenward.

3. Great Discernment Is Needed to Detect Wrong Advice from a Well-Meaning Person (Job 2:7–10)

When offering advice and when receiving advice, make sure it squares with the Scriptures.

4. When Things Turn from Bad to Worse, Sound Theology Helps Us Remain Strong and Stable (Job 2:7–10)

During difficult days, stay with sound theology and avoid “pop psychology.”

5. Caring and Sensitive Friends Know When to Come, How to Stay Quiet, and What to Say (Job 2:11–13)

Place yourself in the other person's position; it will keep you sensitive.

6. It's Easy to Be Monday-Morning Quarterbacks when We Encounter and Respond to Another's Suffering (Job 3:1, 11, 25–26)

Before you criticize one who expresses his or her suffering, remember you may never have been there.

7. The Cultivation of Obedient Endurance Is a Mark of Maturity (Job 42:7–8)

Never forget, maturity is a slow and painful process.



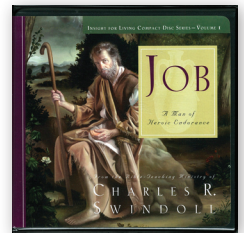
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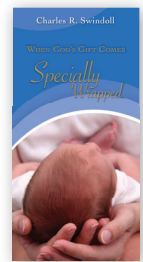


Tools for Digging Deeper



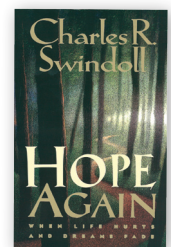
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