

## EMPLOYING YOUR EXPERIENCES

Shaped to Make a Difference  
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Spiritual gifts  
Heart  
Abilities  
Personality  
Experiences

*"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 (NIV)*

### DON'T WASTE YOUR EXPERIENCES

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not!" Galatians 3:4 (ICB)*

Relational—Educational—Spiritual—Vocational—Painful

*"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him." Deuteronomy 11:2 (GNT)*

*"Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'" John 13:7 (NIV)*

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!" 2 Corinthians 13:5 (AMP)*

*"The longer you live, the wiser you become." Job 32:7 (MSG)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"I want you to know, my friends, that the things that have happened to me have really helped the progress of the gospel." Philippians 1:12 (GNT)*

### 4 WAYS TO USE THEM

1. **USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"In deep trouble for bringing you God's comfort and salvation. But in our trouble God has comforted us—and this, too, to help you: to show you from our personal experience how God will tenderly comfort you when you undergo these same sufferings. He will give you the strength to endure." 2 Corinthians 1:6-7 (TLB)*

2. **USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Encourage one another and help one another." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (GNT)*  
*"For your sake, my friends, I have applied all this to Apollos and me, using the two of us as an example, so that you may learn." 1 Corinthians 4:6 (GNT)*

3. **USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example." Philippians 3:17 (NLT)*  
*"I gave you an example, so that you also would do just as I did for you."  
John 13:15 (NASB)*

*"Always set a good example for others." Titus 2:7 (CEV)*

*"Our people should also learn how to set an example by doing good things when urgent needs arise so that they can live productive lives." Titus 3:14 (GW)*

4. **USE THEM** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us." 1 John 1:3 (MSG)*

*"A warning given by an experienced person to someone willing to listen is more valuable than gold rings or jewelry." Proverbs 25:12 (GNT)*

*"Age should speak, and experience should teach wisdom." Job 32:7 (GW)*

*"Ask the previous generation. Pay attention to the experience of our ancestors."  
Job 8:8 (NLT)*

*"Do not let anyone treat you as unimportant because you are young. Instead, be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith, and your pure life." 1 Timothy 4:12 (NCV)*