

Problems, Problems, Why Problems?

STUDY GUIDE

PURPOSE for Diagram 140-A:

To show how the world's ways start out easy, but lead to death and to show how God's ways start out hard, but lead to life.



1. Study Luke 15:11-32. What appealed to the son that started out easy? _____ How did it get hard and lead to death? _____ What hard thing did the son have to do that led to life? _____



2. What problem have you had that started appealing or easy and ended in misery or death? _____



3. What is the most pressing problem you face today? Describe. _____



4. Where are you on this diagram? _____

Enter by the narrow gate.

Matt. 7:13a



5. Study John 10:10. In which part are you living? _____



6. Do you want to stay where you are? _____



7. What would entering the narrow gate look like for you? _____

*Give it up!
My way isn't working anyway.*

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PURPOSE for Diagram 140-B:

*To show that God uses all that happens to us
to bring about His eternal purposes.*



1. Study Romans 8:28-29.



2. What does God say is the good that He predestined for us? _____

How have you defined what would be good for you? _____

Whose good is guaranteed? _____



3. How do you see God conforming you to the image of His Son by the problems you are now facing? _____



4. Study 2 Corinthians 4:8-11. How is this problem being used to bring you to death? How can Christ's life be seen in you as you walk through your problem? _____

*... death ... that the life
of Jesus be manifested ...*

2 Cor. 4:11



5. What area of your self-life (godship) does God want to bring to death? _____

*God uses everything to conform me to
Christ's image.*

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PURPOSE for Diagram 140-C:

*To warn of the danger of being sidetracked before
God's purposes can be accomplished.*



1. Study James 1:2-4. How are we told to consider trials? _____
What do trials produce in us? _____



2. What are you doing to get out of your trials? _____



3. If you get out of your trials, how will you become mature? _____

*. . . philosophy
and empty
deception*

Col. 2:8

Let God finish what He started.

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PURPOSE for Diagram 140-D:

To move a person to godly action concerning a problem.



1. Study Philippians 3:8.



2. What would it take to bring you to the point where you could say with Paul, "I Count all things to be lost in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ."? _____



3. Study Jeremiah 29:11-12.



4. Why can you trust God? _____



5. Study Ephesians 5:20 & 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Can you thank God in what's happening? _____



6. Are you ready to be obedient to God in what is happening? _____

*... to become
conformed to
the image of
His Son*

Rom. 8:29

PROBLEMS

LIFE comes out of death!