

## REAL LIFE 101

*For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purposes.*

*Romans 8:28*

### **You've been told:**

- > You can be anything you want to be.
- > Find a job you're passionate about, and you'll never work a day in your life.
- > If you dream it, and you believe it, you can achieve it.
- > Love conquers all.

### **I. Life Is Not Fair**

- *You may not get the job/career you \_\_\_\_\_ for* – You may not have the ability or opportunity; the job may not be all it's cracked up to be.
- *You may not have the \_\_\_\_\_ life you hoped for* –
  - Friends will sometimes let you down.
  - Not all marriages are “happily ever after.”
  - Bosses can be uncaring, arbitrary, unfair and mean.
- *Usually, you will experience adult \_\_\_\_\_ for adult decisions.*

Now, the good news -

### **II. God Can Work All Things to the Good**

- *Not all things in life are \_\_\_\_\_* – There will be tragedy as well as triumph.
- *God can use the bad to \_\_\_\_\_ eventual good* – How? In spite of the bad, God is in control to do eventual good.
- Through the bad, God \_\_\_\_\_ us powerful life lessons to help us grow spiritually and with wisdom for the future.

### **III. But Only to Those Who Love Him**

- *For the ultimate good to happen, you must \_\_\_\_\_ God* – To honor, respect, obey and be loyal.
- *To \_\_\_\_\_ God, you must be all He wants you to be, and do all He wants you to do* – Treat others the way you want to be treated (Matthew 7:12) – even when they don't deserve it. It means loving and forgiving, even when it's hard.
- *Keep on \_\_\_\_\_ on* – Endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ (II Timothy 2:3).

<p><i>Answers: I. Planned; personal; consequences. II. Good; accomplish; teaches. III. Love; love; keeping.</i></p>
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