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- Growing _____ are two signs my spiritual life is deepening.

Trouble Makes My Faith Grow By...

- Making me face _____ truths.
- Testing to see if I’m _____ a supernatural life.

2) _____ to bring about justice.

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*“⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will suffer the **punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord** and from*

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4) _____ on giving Glory to Jesus!

“¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 1:12, ESV)

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*“¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may **fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,**” (2 Thessalonians 1:11, ESV)*

6) YBH – _____

- Pay attention to my _____:

“²³Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” (Proverbs 4:23, ESV)

“³⁴You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Matthew 12:34, ESV) (Matthew 15:18, ESV)

- An open heart to God is the _____ to real spiritual depth.

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