

“It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.”

John 9:3

In the Bible, we read of a man who was born blind. Some people were asking Jesus why did this happen. They were trying to find someone to blame, some reason, some excuse for his condition. Interestingly, we tend to do the same type of thing today. But, isn't it great the way Jesus answered them by saying it really wasn't anybody's fault. This happened so that the goodness of God could be displayed in the man's life. Then, Jesus touched the man and healed him.

When we have setbacks, when life deals us tough blows, when the economy is unstable, we must *not* get bitter. When macular degeneration did its “deed” to my vision, and I had to retire from practicing dentistry after 44 years of devotion to my profession, it was tempting to just settle in to asking *why*, over and over!

However, I chose to allow God to show His favor and goodness through me in new ways. It was not easy, but God gave me what I needed to *not* give up and *not* give in to feelings of being defeated, and feelings of depression. The more I study God's Word, and the more time I spend with Him in my private prayer time each morning, the more blessed I feel to have this new “wealth” of time to devote to Him.

Heavenly Father, Thank You that You are faithful to work things out for my good, even though I don't always see it that way instantly. Amen.

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