**II. PURSUING GOD’S PURPOSE CHANGES YOUR PRIORITIES**



Three Things Every Conflict Firefighter Must Know

Scripture References: Ps. 121:4; John 5:17; 2 Chron. 16:9; Isaiah 6:8; Eph. 2:10; Romans 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:24; Heb. 13:20-21; Phil. 2:12-13; Rom. 8:28; Jer. 1:12; Prov. 6:23; Prov. 1:23; Prov. 3:11-12; Prov. 13:18; Prov. 15:31-32; Prov. 10:17; Prov. 12:1; 2 Chron. 20:1-26; 1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 3:15; Hebrews 13:5

1. The First Thing: The Lord is always at work. Ps. 121:4; John 5:17

2. He is always at work looking for someone he can bless and use for the glory of Jesus Christ. 2 Chron. 16:9; Isaiah 6:8

3. He is always at work transforming his people into the image of Jesus Christ. Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:24

4. He is always at work accomplishing his purpose and good pleasure. Phil. 2:12-13; Rom. 8:28; Jer. 1:12

5. The Second Thing: The Lord’s correction is a path of life. Prov. 6:23

6. The blessings of heeding the Lord’s correction: He will pour out his Spirit on you.He will reveal his Word to you. He will confirm his love for you. You will receive honor. Prov. 1:23; 3:11-12; 13:18; 15:31

7. The warnings to those who reject the Lord’s reproof: They despise themselves. They lead others astray. They will be considered fools. Prov. 15:32; 10:17; 12:1

8. The Third Thing: Giving thanks.

9. Giving thanks brings you into the Lord’s presence - the place where He can accomplish His purpose in and through you. 2 Chron. 20:1-26

10. It is God’s will that you give him thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thess. 5:18

11. When you pray with thanksgiving, you can give the Lord your anxious thoughts in exchange for His peace that will protect your heart and mind. Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 3:15