

Reasons Stress MUST be kept under control as a believer:

- For healthy relationships
- For your physical, mental and spiritual health
- For you to carry REVIVAL

Psalm 118:13-14

¹³ I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

1. CONFLICT

- Opposing values of family and friends
- Anger in relationships
- Unrealistic expectations of another person
- Lack of open communication in relationships

2 Corinthians 11:23-24

Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

2. CRISIS

- Death of a friend or family member
- Separation or divorce
- Severe illness or sudden handicap
- Unexpected trauma of any kind

2 Corinthians 11:25

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

3. CHANGE

- Change in environment or employment
- Change in financial or marital status
- Change in cultural or spiritual values
- Change in sleeping and health habits

2 Corinthians 11:26a-27

I have been constantly on the move... 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

4. Condemnation

- Rejection by others
- Lack of support
- Betrayal of a friend
- False accusations by family members

2 Corinthians 11:26-27

I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

5. Concerns

- Unsaved or rebellious loved ones
- Unpredictable or uncertain future
- Recent or frequent fear of failures
- Perfectionism or excessive attention to details

2 Corinthians 11:28

Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

6. Competition

- Self-acceptance based on superior performance
- Comparison between family, friends or coworkers
- Envy or jealousy
- Significance or security

2 Corinthians 11:30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

