

How To Eliminate Thorns:

1. _____ - To cut off or remove dead or living parts or branches; To remove what is superfluous or undesirable.
2. _____ - To dig up by or as if by the roots; to search for and pull up

At the root of your thorn,
you can find two things:

1. The GREATNESS of your _____.
2. The GREATNESS of _____.



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The Thorn Paradigm

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2 Corinthians 12:6-10 The Message (MSG)

6 If I had a mind to brag a little, I could probably do it without looking ridiculous, and I'd still be speaking plain truth all the way. But I'll spare you. I don't want anyone imagining me as anything other than the fool you'd encounter if you saw me on the street or heard me talk.

7-10 Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan's angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged

God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me,

My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

Paul responds to rejection with humility. He talks about a _____ that helps him do so!

Paul says that the _____ and _____ God called him was so _____, God also gave him a _____ to always keep him Humble!

What Is A Thorn?

Something with a _____
_____ end that gets
_____ and
prevents you from getting
comfortable.

Types of Thorns:

- _____
- _____

CROPS DON'T DIE BECAUSE THORNS EXIST, THEY DIE BECAUSE THORNS ARE NOT PROPERLY ELIMINATED.