

The sin of each one of us affects all others, and all the misery of life comes from ~~the~~ sin. But you can't say that this particular sin is what caused this difficulty, that you can in the majority of cases.

A dentist told me, this was in the days before they used novacain, he said, I have a patient I love to have; she is a spiritist and when I put the drill into her tooth and it hurts and I say, Oh excuse me. She says, O don't you bother, the only ^{reason} ~~thing~~ that hurts me is some sin I have committed. She said, You push right ahead. He said, I loved to work on her teeth.

But it's not that way in life. The sin of all of us affects others, and a particular sin may be the cause of the trouble that you have. But if you don't find the answer to it in either of these sources then you can know God permitted it in your life because it is part of His process of making you into the jewel that He wants you to be.

New in Gal. 5:22 we have another passage-- it tells of the fruit of the Spirit. It tells how you can really know whether the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Read 5:20-23; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control." When you get impatient; when you don't show a loving attitude toward other people; when you have lack of peace in your heart, it shows you that you are not yet the jewel that God wants you to be. God sends His Spirit into your life in order to mould you and shape you and form you into the jewel He wants you to be.

So it is valuable to think on these things and give thought as to how we can improve. Longsuffering and peace will be in our lives if we recognize that whatever comes, aside from what is the direct