

## Points & Principles Gleaned from...

# Harry Potter

At The Movies: Part 5

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### 1. THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN PEOPLE CAN SEE.

a. I am carefully CREATED.

*"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it." (Psalm 139:14, NLT)*

b. I am uniquely GIFTED.

*"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God." (1 Peter 4:10, GNB)*

c. I am divinely DESTINED.

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)*

### 2. MY GIFTS NEED GROWTH.

a. I need to be EDUCATED.

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed." (1 Corinthians 12:1, ESV)*

b. My gifts need to be CULTIVATED.

*"So I ask you to make full use of the gift that God gave you when I placed my hands on you. Use it well." (2 Timothy 1:6, CEV)*

c. My fit needs to be EVALUATED.

*"...Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us." (Romans 12:3, NLT)*

### 3. CHARACTER COUNTS.

a. Every temptation is a TEST.

*"Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to*

*remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.” (1 Corinthians 10:13, GNB)*

- b. Every test **TRANSFORMS** me.

*“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.” (Romans 5:3, NLT)*

- c. Every problem **PREPARES** me.

*“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” (Romans 8:28, NLT)*

#### 4. EVERYONE NEEDS A **FAMILY**.

- a. What **UNIFIES** us is our faith.

*“There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.” (Ephesians 4:5, NCV)*

- b. What **SOLIDIFIES** us is our family.

*“...I am writing these things to you now [so that] even if I am delayed, you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:14–15, NCV)*

*“They were like family to each other...” (Acts 2:42, CEV)*

- c. What **VERIFIES** us is our love.

*“Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:35, TLB)*

#### **LAST THOUGHT**

*It is our **CHOICES** that show us what we truly are far more than our abilities.*

**Albus Dumbledore**