

A Submissive Will In Trials (Jas. 1:4)

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Review

James is not commanding how one should _____, but rather how one should _____ about one's circumstances.

Joy may be defined as a settled _____ in every situation.

Trials refers to the process by which something is refined for _____.

The Lord assists us in taking spiritual _____ by bringing trials into our lives to demonstrate to us the strength or weakness of our _____.

Endurance is a _____, inner quality of strength which increases each time a trial is patiently and _____ encountered.

Endurance refers to that quality of _____ which does not allow one to _____ to circumstances or succumb under trial.

The Command: Submit to Trials (v. 4a)

The second imperative we must follow when facing various trials is to have a _____ will.

Perfect =

Result =

Unless we *let* endurance develop our character, we will never _____, or have true joy.

The Reason: Maturity (v. 4b)

The goal of endurance leads to _____.

Complete =

Both _____ and _____ bring various trials that test our faith.

God shapes _____ by means of the trials that we encounter.

Our response to trials reveals the condition of our _____.

Notes on [lacking in nothing](#):

Trials lead to well-rounded virtue and _____ growth.

"Our values determine our evaluations. If we value comfort more than character, then trials will upset us. If we value the material and physical more than the spiritual, we will not be able to 'consider it all joy.' If we live only for the present and forget the future, the trials will make us bitter, not better." – Warren Wiersbe

Application: Ways God Uses Trials to Mature Us

Job 23:10 – But He knows the way I take; *when* He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Eight purposes for the Lord's allowing trials to come into the lives of His people:

1. To test the _____ of our faith. (Ex. 16:4-5)
2. To _____ us, to remind us not to let our trust in the Lord turn into _____ and spiritual self-satisfaction. (2 Cor. 12:7)
3. To _____ us from our dependence on _____ things. (John 6:5-7)
4. To call us to _____ and heavenly hope. (Phil. 1:23-24; Rom. 8:18-25; 2 Cor. 4:14, 16-18)
5. To reveal who or what we really _____. (Deut. 10:12; Luke 14:26)
6. To teach us to value God's _____. (Ps. 63:3-7)
7. To develop in us enduring strength for greater _____. (2 Cor. 12:10; Heb. 11:33-34)
8. To enable us to better _____ others in their trials. (Luke 22:31-32; 2 Cor. 1:3-6).

The wise v. foolish choice in this passage: We can _____ God and the trials He allows or we can _____ to them as opportunities to _____.