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PERSEVERING THROUGH TRIALS
(James 1:2-12)

I. Aspects of Godly PERSEVERANCE (James 1:2-11)

A. A JOYFUL attitude (1:2)

1. BELIEVERS, implying SPECIAL relationship

2. A COMMAND to THINK and RESPOND with UNDILUTED JOY

3. A promise of something INEVITABLE and UNEXPECTED

4. Many KINDS of things that put a person to the TEST

B. An UNDERSTANDING mind (1:3)

1. Full UNDERSTANDING from personal EXPERIENCE (Mk. 13:28; Rom. 1:19, 21)

2. TESTING to prove your FAITH to be GENUINE (James 2:14, 17, 18, 24, 26)

3. RESULTS in ENDURANCE

C. A SUBMISSIVE will (1:4)

1. Indicates need for WILLING ACCEPTANCE

2. Allows TIME for the trials to produce the FINISHED PRODUCT

3. That you be fully DEVELOPED and WHOLE

4. To which NOTHING can be added as an IMPROVEMENT

D. A BELIEVING heart (1:5-8)

1. The TRIALS are still WORKING to produce the God-given UNDERSTANDING that leads to RIGHTEOUS LIVING
2. A command to CONTINUALLY request GOD'S supply
3. A PROMISE of God's GENEROSITY, without CRITICISM
4. A response to UNHESITATING FAITH
5. A WARNING of the DANGER of DOUBTS

E. A HUMBLE spirit (1:9-11)

1. A BELIEVER in HUMBLE circumstances should GLORY in his HIGH POSITION
2. The WEALTHY should GLORY in HUMILIATION
3. Death comes UNEXPECTEDLY to the RICH and POOR

II. Evidence of Genuine FAITH (James 1:12)

A. The JOY of persevering

1. Promises an inner CONTENTMENT
2. Produces CONFIDENCE from GROWING through TRIALS

B. The VALIDATION of faith

1. When he has PASSED the TEST and been APPROVED
2. He will RECEIVE an ATHLETE'S prize
3. ETERNAL life will be his CERTAIN DESTINY
4.. Persevering through trials PROVES one is a GENUINE BELIEVER (1 John 4:8, 16; 5:3; 1 Pet. 1:8; 1 Cor. 16:22)