

HOW TO REJOICE IN TRIALS James 2x 1:2-12

INTRO: Temptations and trials --

TESTING: Used of a bird testing its wings.

Vs. 3 defines this trial: "The trying of your faith..."

ANYTHING THAT TESTS, TRYS YOUR FAITH...

ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO DISAPPOINT YOU IS A TRIAL

THEIR CERTAINITY: When

THEIR CHARACTER: "Divers" many colored, various.

Vs. 10 reveals that riches can be a trial of faith.

WHAT TO DO WITH THEM: 1. Gripe 2. Grin and Bear it. 3. Grateful

COUNT IT ALL JOY. "Regard it as nothing but joy?"

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS? Vs. 3 "KNOWING" Bceuase the Christian knows something that the lost doesn't. Counting trials as all joy depends on knowing some things.

I. GOD HAS A REASON FOR THE TRIAL Not chance or fate.

1. To Purify our Faith--"Trying of your faith..." Faith isn't faith that crumbles and collapses under disappointments. Can't know the quality of faith till its tested.

Means by which the dross is purged.

"But if any of you doesn't know how to meet a particular problem set his ask Q..."

2. To Produce Patience--Two Greek words, one with people. This one, with circumstances "Staying Power..."

3. To Perfect Christian Character --

Perfect: Having reached full development

Complete: With no unfinished part

Wisdom: Power to discern right from wrong, good from bad - Practical = to discern will of Q

Resource
Wisdom

- 1- Shortage
- 2- Source
- 3- Secret

Reward

- 1- Commendation of God
- 2- Crown of Life