

James 1:2-3 (JBP)

When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! [3] Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance.

James 1:4 (JBP)

But let the process go on until that
endurance is fully developed, and you will
find you have become men of mature
character...

James 1:5 (JBP)

And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God - who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish or guilty - and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him.

God's Word to STUMBLERS

James 1:1-8

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

...everyone who wants **to live a godly life...**
will be persecuted...

The way a **believer endures trials**
in the present shows their
HOPE for FUTURE relief. HCSB

1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

These **TRIALS** will **SHOW**
that your faith is **GENUINE**.

It is being **TESTED** as fire
TESTS and **PURIFIES** gold...

GODLY Responses to Trials...

- **TRUST** God
- **SUBMIT** and Learn
- Do Not **QUIT**

Oh what a happy soul am I

Although I cannot see;

I am resolved that in this world

Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy

That other people don't.

To weep and sigh because I'm blind

I cannot and I won't.

Perfect submission perfect delight.

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above,

Echoes of **Mercy**, whispers of **love**.

This is my story this is my song
praising my Savior All the Day Long

Perfect submission all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness,
lost in **His love.**

WISDOM is a **God-given** and **God-centered** understanding that helps us **see our Trials** through **His eyes**

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James 1:6 (JBP)

But he must **ask in SINCERE FAITH** without secret doubts as to **whether he really wants God's help or not.** The man who **TRUSTS God**, but with **inward reservations**, is like a wave of the sea...

James 1:8 (JBP)

... the life of a man of **divided loyalty**
will reveal INSTABILITY at every turn.

...NOT completely convinced that **God's way**
is best. He treats **God's Word** like any human
advice, and **retains** the option to disobey.

He wavers between **commitment to feelings**,
the **world's ideas**, and **God's commands**. LAC

→ God **GIVES** Generously -
with **NO STRINGS** attached

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

He who **did not spare His own Son,**
but **gave Him up for us all -**
how will He not also, **along with Him,**
graciously give us all things?

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