

## 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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