

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. [3] For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. [4] So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

James 1:12 (NLT)

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:19-20 (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

[20] Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

James 1:22 (NLT)

...[22] But don't just listen to God's word.
You must do what it says. Otherwise, you
are only fooling yourselves.

Choose JOY and OBEDIENCE

James 1:1-27

James 1:2-3

Don't be surprised or troubled when you encounter **CONFLICT** and **PAINFUL TRIALS**. This is **one way your FAITH is TESTED** - to see if you will you rely on your own understanding, or **TRUST** the Lord with **ALL** your being.

(Paraphrase - JD Small)

James 1:20-22

It's **not enough** to just **HEAR** the **TRUTH**.

If you don't let it change your mind...

...God's blessing can only flow into the lives
of those who **USE His WORD** to faithfully
examine themselves to "**HEAR**" what **He**
SAYS about them and who **FOLLOW**
THROUGH with appropriate **ACTION**.

James 1:2 (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.

→ **WISDOM** from God is Needed so
that we can **EMBRACE** Trials

God will **NOT** shape our
CHARACTER
without our **COOPERATION.**

➔ **TESTING** should be welcomed with
JOY because of the **RESULTS** in our lives

Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)

And we know that **IN ALL things God works**
for the **GOOD** of those who love Him, who
have been called according to His purpose.

[29] For those God foreknew **He also**
predestined to be CONFORMED to the
likeness of His Son, that He might be the
firstborn among many brothers.

If our goal is to **KNOW God** and to
be **CONFORMED** into His likeness,
then we can take **JOY** in **TRIALS**
because we can **KNOW** that no matter
how tough these trials are, they are
moving us toward our goal. D.Platt

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

For everything that was **written** in the
PAST was written to **TEACH** us,
so that through **ENDURANCE**
and the **ENCOURAGEMENT**
of the **Scriptures** we might have **HOPE**.



