

The Essential Attitude to Trials and Temptation: Joy

James 01: 02–04

1 The fact:
Will have many trials and temptations

2 The needed attitude: Joy

a. By knowing something:
Trials and temptations
work perseverance

b. By doing something:
Persevering

3 The result:
Makes us mature and complete

2 Consider it pure joy,
my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 Because you know
that the testing of your faith
develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance must finish its work
so that you may be mature
and complete,
not lacking anything.

The Way to Conquer Trials and Temptation

James 01: 05–12

1 *Ask wisdom of God*

- a. God gives generously
- b. God does not scold
- c. Ask in faith, never doubt
 - 1) Doubting illustrated
 - 2) Doubting receives nothing
 - 3) Doubting shows instability

2 *Rejoice in one's status*

- a. The poor: Christ exalts
- b. The rich: Christ humbles
 - 1) A danger: False security
 - 2) The body of the rich ages and dies
 - 3) The pursuits of the rich fade away

3 *Remember the reward for persevering: A crown of life*

- 5 If any of you lacks wisdom,
he should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to him.
- 6 But when he asks,
he must believe and not doubt,
because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea,
blown and tossed by the wind.
- 7 That man should not think
he will receive anything from the Lord;
- 8 He is a double-minded man,
unstable in all he does.
- 9 The brother in humble circumstances
ought to take pride in his high position.
- 10 But the one who is rich
should take pride in his low position,
because he will pass away like a wild flower.
- 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat
and withers the plant;
its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed.
In the same way,
the rich man will fade away
even while he goes about his business.
- 12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial,
because when he has stood the test,
he will receive the crown of life
that God has promised to those who love him.