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2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

James 1:2 (NIV)

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

Trials are inevitable.

Trials come in all shapes and sizes.

Trials are unpredictable.

James 1:3 (NIV)

³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Trials are the means by which our faith is tested.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

“The winds of tribulation blow away the chaff of error, hypocrisy and doubt leaving that which survives the test...the genuine element of Christian character.”

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces **perseverance**.

Trials produce perseverance.

Romans 5:1-4 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

“...trials work in God’s people, spiritual hardiness that cannot be learned in ease.” - Charles Spurgeon

“Strong faith and perseverance come by trials. To reach that condition of firm endurance and sacred hardiness is worth all the expense of all the heaped up troubles that ever come upon us from above or from beneath.” - Charles Spurgeon

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Godliness:

- Godliness is respect for God that affects the way a person lives
- Godliness is love for God and His standards
- Godliness is the reverent awareness of God's sovereignty over every aspect of life, and the attendant determination to honor him in all one's conduct.

Matthew 5:48 (NIV)

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

“This type of maturity is produced by holding fast to the faith and Christian virtue while in the fire of persecution. The impurities in one's character will be burned off. The end result will be not just maturity, but completeness, which means that not a single part of a God-like character will be lacking.” - Peter H. Davids

When we allow perseverance to finish its work in the face of trials, the end result is that we become more like Jesus.

James 1:5 (NIV)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.