

The Joy Factor

Renewing the Mind Part 3

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James 1:2-7 ESV

"Your job is to fight the good fight of faith: The good fight of faith is believing, in the face of opposition, what God said about you is true." Bishop Donald Black

1 Timothy 6:12 ESV

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

James 1:2-7 ESV

Count (consider) it all joy, my brothers,^[b] when you meet trials of various kinds,³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

Factors of Applying Joy

1. See everything through the lens of a faith-filled mind (**Romans 8:28**)
2. Trials are not what strengthens us. Faith in the Word (**James 1:5-7, Matthew 7:7, Psalm 19:8**)
3. Steadfastness perfects, completes, and yields abundance (**1 Corinthians 15:58**)