



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

TRUSTING GOD WHEN... SERIES: EPISODE 4 OF 5

James 1:1-7

BELIEVE

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ... James 1:1

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds James 1:2

... because you know that the testing of your faith... James 1:2-3

TRIALS TEST OUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

...you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

TRIALS PRODUCE PERSEVERING FAITH

Let perseverance finish its work... James 1:4

*perseverance **finish** its work so that you may be mature James 1:4*

*and **complete**, not lacking anything. James 1:4*

LET PERSEVERANCE COMPLETE ITS WORK SO YOU WILL BE COMPLETE.

MAIN IDEA: SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF PERSEVERING FAITH, NOT PERFECT BEHAVIOR.

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. James 1:5

WISDOM: THE ABILITY TO SEE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN A BROADER CONTEXT

GIVE ME WISDOM TO SEE AS YOU SEE.

But when you ask, you must believe) and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6

That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. James 1:7

Such a person is double-minded and unstable hesitating, uncertain, and restless in all they do. James 1:7 (Amp)

TRUSTING GOD WHEN...

BELIEVE

BELIEVE GOD IS AT WORK

BELIEVE GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU

BELIEVE GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU TO MATURE YOU.

ENDURE TO MATURE.

PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, I BELIEVE YOU WILL USE THIS UNTIL YOU CHOOSE TO REMOVE THIS. GRANT ME WISDOM TO SEE AS YOU SEE AND STRENGTH TO DO AS YOU SAY.

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