
James - The Blueprint to Faith: Part 1**Tested to Testify**

James 1:2-4 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. (NIV)

John 16:33 - In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (NIV)

Hebrews 1:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (ESV)

Testing through _____ - trials are external, faith-testing circumstances allowed by God to produce endurance and maturity (James 1:2-4)

Testing through _____ - Temptations are internal enticements to sin, arising from one's own desires, which God never initiates (James 1:13-14)

I. OUR FAITH IS TESTED TO _____

God is more concerned with your _____ than your _____

II. OUR FAITH IS TESTED TO _____

Malachi 3:2-3 For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. (NIV)

Job 23:10 "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold." (ESV)

The goal isn't our _____ **but our** _____. Happiness without holiness leads to emptiness. The goal is to be transformed to be more like Christ.

III. OUR FAITH IS TESTED TO _____

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (NIV)

1 Peter 1:6-9 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

Job 1:21 "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (NIV)

Job 42:5 I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. (NLT)

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