

Balcony; Rejoicing in the Purpose

James 1:1-12 *“James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.*

Profit from Trials

² *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,*

³ *knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.*

⁴ *But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

⁵ *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

⁶ *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

⁷ *For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*

⁸ *he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

The Perspective of Rich and Poor

⁹ *Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,*

¹⁰ *but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes.*

So, the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

¹² *Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

John 16:33 *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

We need real faith that works with a focus on practical matters!

Biblically it is an adverse or set of adverse circumstances that God causes or He permits to take us to the next level of spiritual development.

There is no growth spiritually without trials

Vs 2 *“count it all joy my brethren fall into various trials”*

He's talking to Christians here.

Fall Greek word used only 3x in the Bible and Jesus uses it in the context of
“A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves”

‘UNEXPECTED’ so to fall into as to be encompassed *surrounded with*

They come for the testing of your faith.

1 Jn 1:6 “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the **truth**.” Walking in truth!

To be a D-Boy

The Unknowns: Cadre lay out an unmarked, brutal route through rough wilderness (hills, streams, and forests) and traditionally **do not tell candidates the total distance or time limit** while they are moving, testing pure psychological breaking points and internal drive

He says the trial that will test your faith is to extend and expand your Christian commitment.

Vs 4 and let endurance have its perfect result so that you may be perfect and completely lack nothing.

Heb 10:36 “For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise”

happy right now therefore taking joy must be distinct from how you feel.

Vs 3 **knowing** that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Heb 12:2 “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy** that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1 Pet 1:6 “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith,”

1 Pet 1:4 “to **an inheritance** incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you,**”

1st count it all joy which transcends the motion we are in because you're looking at the purpose.

2nd Pray thing we need to do is pray in the time of trial.

Vs 5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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Ps 119:110-115

*¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.
¹¹¹ Your testimonies I have taken as a ^[s]heritage forever,
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
¹¹² I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.
I hate the double-minded,
But I love Your law.
¹¹⁴ You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in Your word.
¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God!*

3rd is praise

count it all joy pray and praise

James 1:9 *“Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,”*

James 1:10 *“but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.”*

2nd Corinthians 4:14-18 *“knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus and will present us with you.*

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

