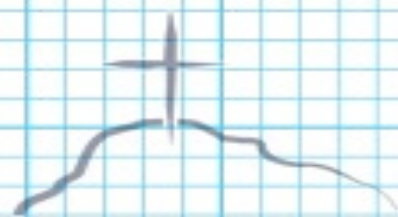


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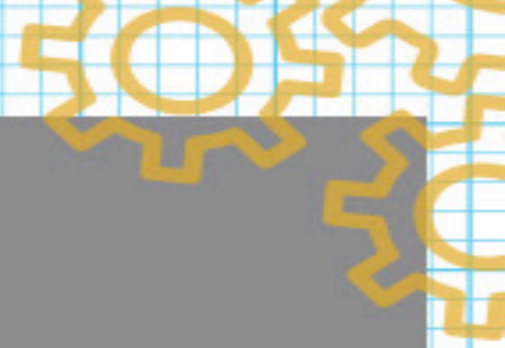
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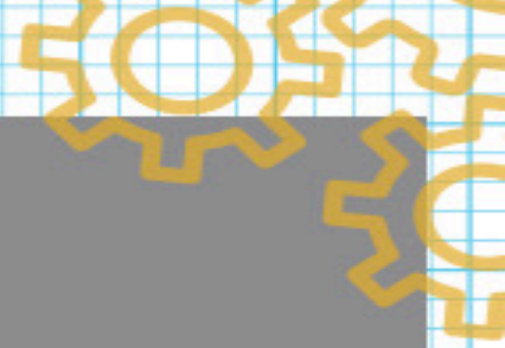


Test of Time

James 1:5-12

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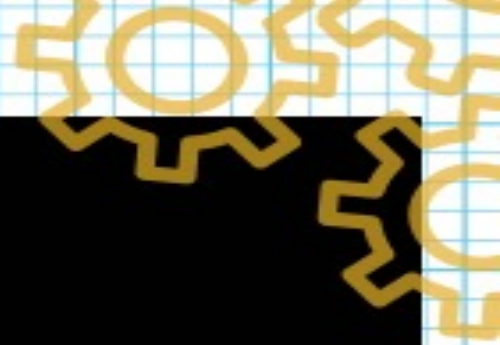
*“A man's real belief is that which
he lives by.*

*What a man believes is the thing he does,
not the thing he thinks.”*

George MacDonald

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Living by faith requires re-orientation:

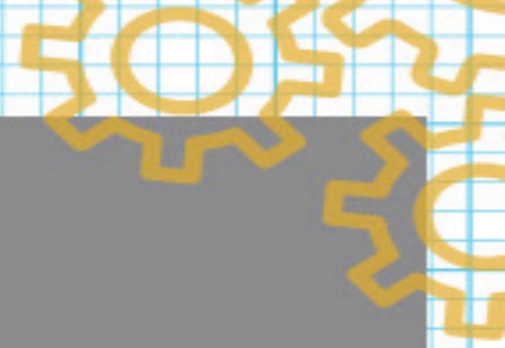
What matters?

What does not matter?

Passing or Surpassing?

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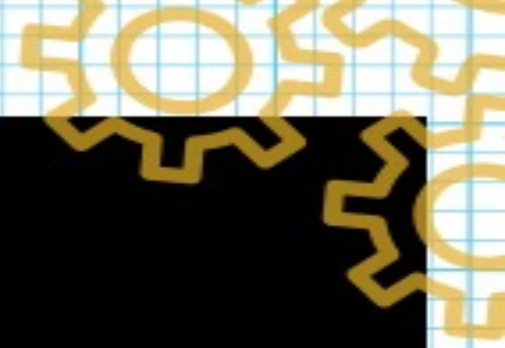
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“God tests his people through hardships.”
John Piper

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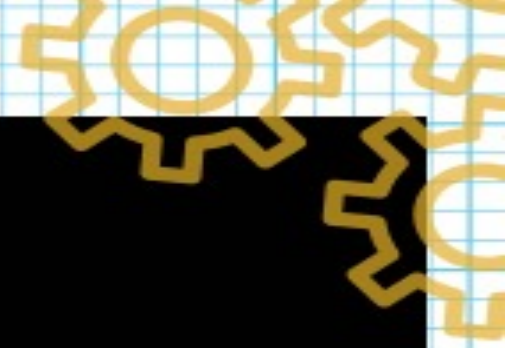
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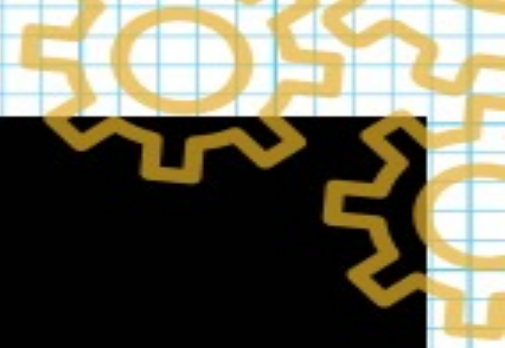
1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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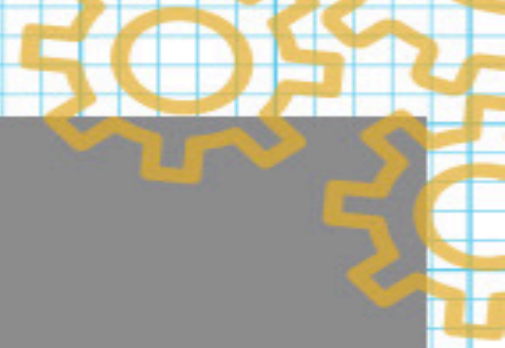
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6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.



7,8 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

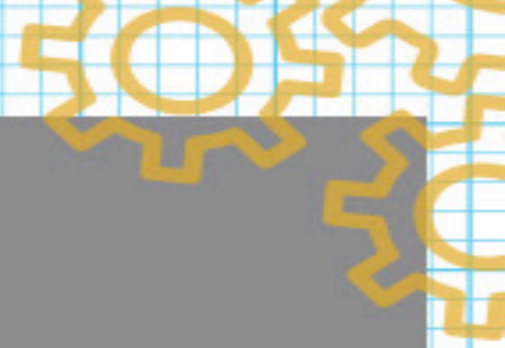


What we need 5-8

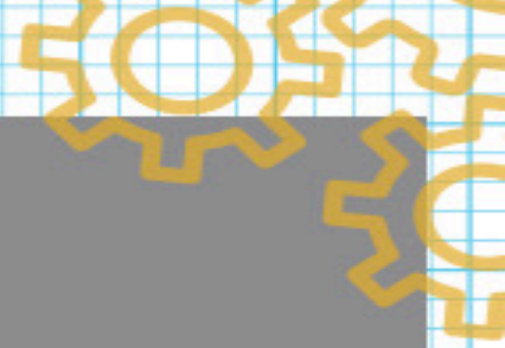
- Asking 5
 - ‘craving’ - αἰτέω, the Latin ‘peto’ – less to more
 - do we persevere? Or eliminate? Wisdom!
 - ‘generous’ – ‘without reproach’ = shame
- Trusting 6
- Expecting 7,8

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“This is added, lest any one should fear to come too often to God... for he is ready ever to add new blessings to former ones, without any end or limitation.” (Calvin)

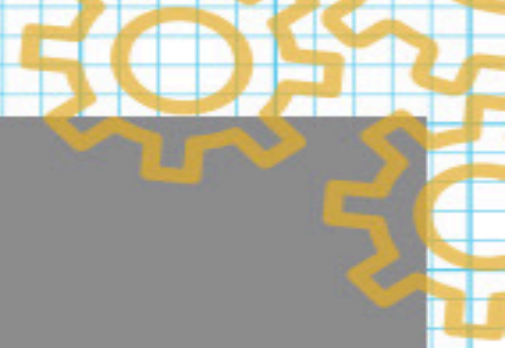


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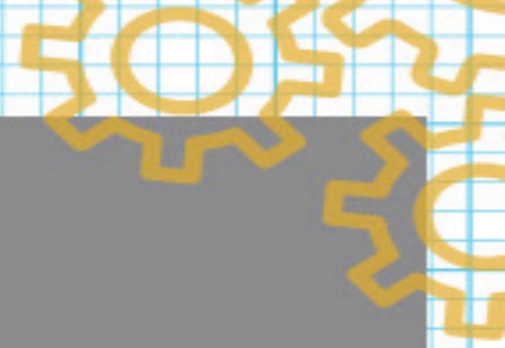
- Asking 5
- Trusting 6
 - ‘without any doubting’ – getting it or God’s love!
 - Waves of the sea – tossed up & down – hope & fear
 - Wavering between working & waiting – 2 Pt 1:8
- Expecting 7,8

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“You know, dear friends, that there is a way of praying in which you ask for nothing and get it.” (Spurgeon)

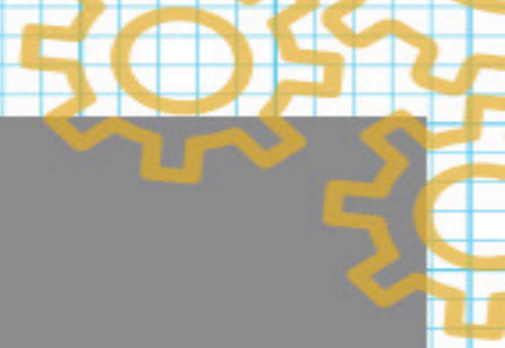


What we need 5-8

- Asking 5
- Trusting 6
- Expecting 7,8
 - ‘double-minded’ - δίψυχος – 2 souls
 - Earthly minded – no heavenly good!
 - Heavenly minded - no earthly good! – Lord’s Prayer
 - Faith minded – servant for LIFE! ‘abiding under’

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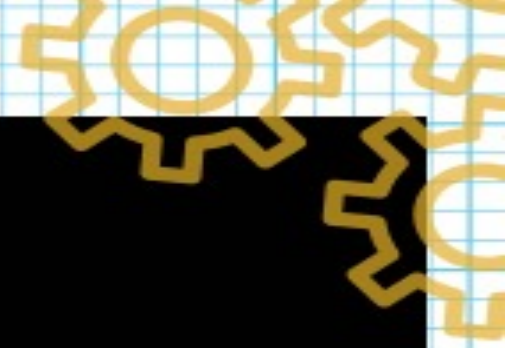


*“The great test of faith is to wait on God. . .
not expecting to push a button and
get whatever we want now.”*

A.W. Tozer

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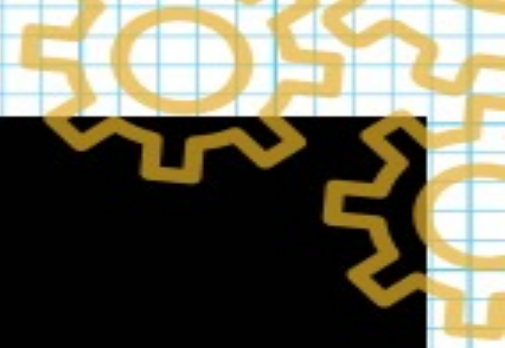
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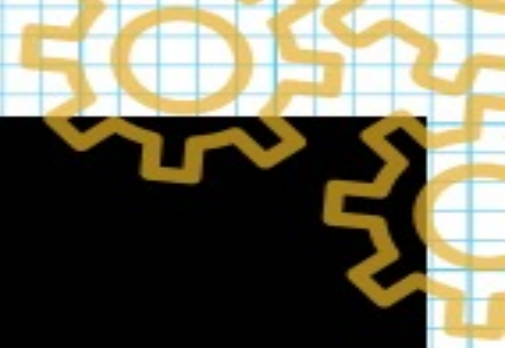
1:9 But the brother of humble circumstances
is to glory in his high position;

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10 and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away.

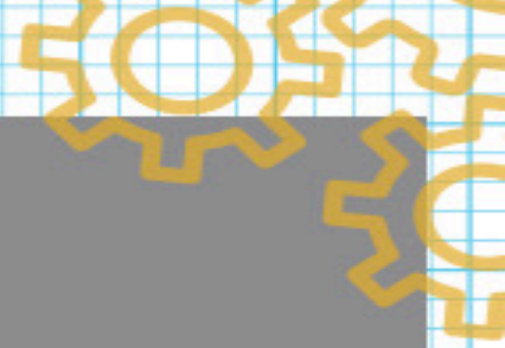


11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.



What we don't need 9-12

- Humble is High 9
 - Poor forget poverty – Rich forget wealth
- Flowers & Grass 10
 - Wealth that cannot spoil or be stolen
- Test of Time 11

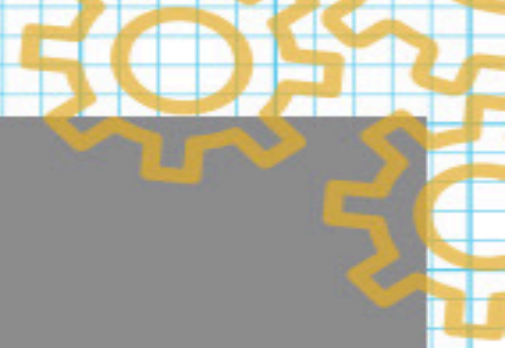


What we don't need 9-12

- Humble is High 9
- Flowers & Grass 10
- Test of Time 11
 - Used to be valuable –
 - Identity must be lifetime or eternal values

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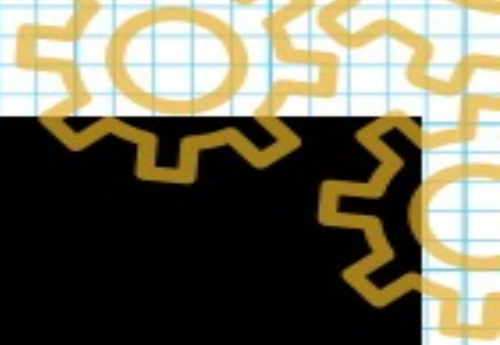
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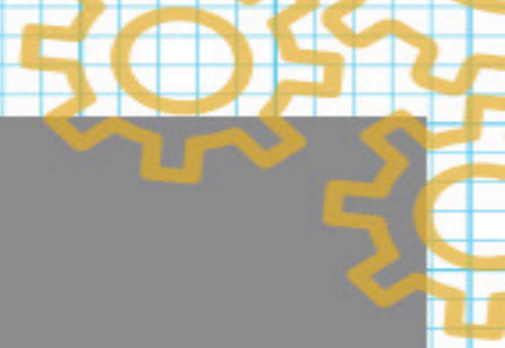
*We are not here to comfort the afflicted
but to afflict the comfortable!*

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1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

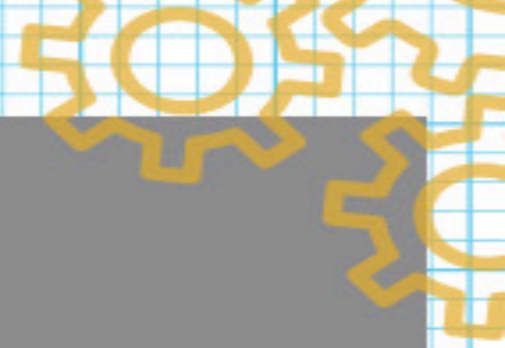


Test of Time

- ‘perseveres’ – hupomenay – abiding under
- Not a week or month or quarter or year – LIFE
- Crown of LIFE – not an annual award -
- Lifetime Servants Award –
- Too late? Get started today – don’t quit!
- Parable of the workers – Start? Finish!

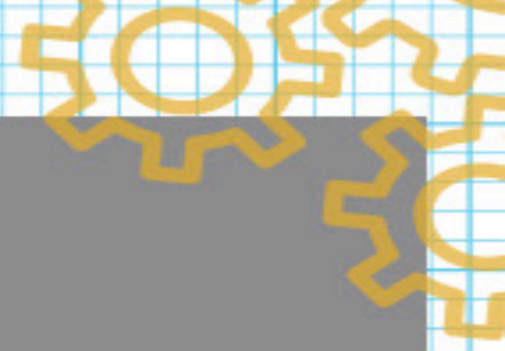
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*“Before we pray that God would fill us,
I believe we ought to pray Him to empty us.”*

D.L. Moody

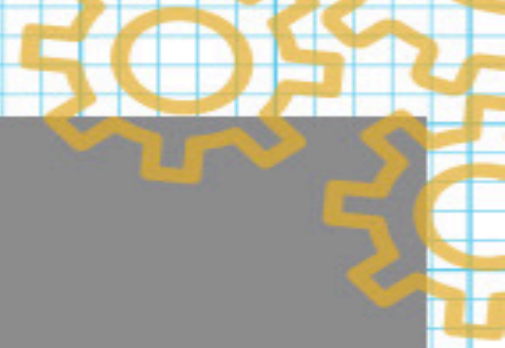


Test of Faith – faithfulness!

- What are you doing about what you know is right
- What are you waiting for?
- What do you need to hear?

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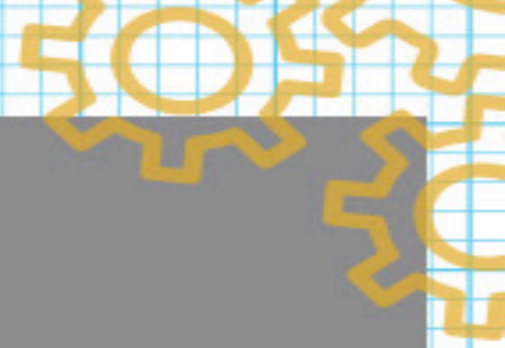
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*The Great Commission is NOT
the Great Suggestion.*

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*A man who says he is a disciple
but not making disciples is fooling himself
or trying to fool me.*

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