

(1:1) James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

(1:2) Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials,

1. **Each trial we encounter gives our _____ a stage to _____ itself...**
 - My ability or inability
 - My security or insecurity
 - My _____.

(1:3-4) knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2. **Each trial we encounter gives our faith a stage to show itself, and _____ oneself as we stand firm _____.**

(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.

3. **Perseverance is _____ of God's grace, not a prerequisite to receive God's grace.**

(1:13-15) No one is to say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it has run its course, brings forth death.

4. **Persevering grace doesn't mean we never sin. It does mean we are continually _____, brought to _____, led to _____, and _____ in Christ.**

(1:16-17) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

--- The stage of deception ---

- **When I _____ my Heavenly Father.**
- **When I _____ my Heavenly Father.**

--- The Father of lights ---

- ✓ **Ask God the Father for _____.**

(1:5-8) 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. 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. For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- ✓ **Thank Him that you can _____ as His child.**

(1:9-11) Now the brother or sister of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; but the rich person is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so also the rich person, in the midst of his pursuits, will die out.

- ✓ **Receive and apply _____ to every area of life.**

(1:18-20) In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. Remember this, my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry. Human anger does not achieve God's righteous purpose. So get rid of every filthy habit and all wicked conduct. Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in your hearts, which is able to save you.