

“The Proper Response to Trials”

New Hope Community Church

James 1:12-18

Don Wood / June 5, 2022

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1. _____ through endurance (2-4)

_____ + _____ + _____ = _____

2. Crown of Life (12)

B. The _____ (13-16)

1. Don't blame God; blame _____

2. How sin _____

_____ + _____ + _____ = _____ + _____

3. Beware of _____

C. God's Goodness (17-18)

1. The Giver of good _____

2. Based upon God's _____ character

3. The greatest gift is _____

D. The Way of _____ (1 Cor 10:13)

1. Change my _____ (Ro 12:2; Gal 5:24; Ps 119:11, 104)

2. Limit my _____ (Ps 101:3-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 15:33)

3. Exercise _____ Control (Gal 5:16, 23, 28)

4. Experience God's _____ (1 Jn 1:9; 2:1-2)

Reflect:

- How has this passage encouraged and strengthened me?
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