

Trouble!

Part 2

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James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters,^[a] when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

⁵If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

⁹Believers who are^[b] poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. ¹⁰And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. ¹²God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

- I. Not a matter of if....but WHEN !**
- II. Trouble comes in various forms**
- III. Do this when trouble comes!**
 - A. Choose joy.**
 - B. Embrace the results of the trouble**
 - C. Ask for wisdom**

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1. Respond with prayer.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.

^{7a} Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.

2. God will not be mad at us for asking!

3. Ask with confidence

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Jer 29:11-13 ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

4. God gladly gives wisdom...The promise

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D. Watch your attitude

⁹ Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. ¹⁰ And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field.

-Humility does not mean defeated. Humility acknowledges our limitation while believing God is bigger than our situation!

-Humility activates the power of Jesus in our life!

James 4:6 “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

E. Expect the blessings!

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