

# Faith, Facts & Favor

## **James 1:2-6 (NIV)**

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

### **(Point #1)**

- Unresolved perseverance leads to an unresolved purpose.

Let's break this word "perseverance" down into it's 2 parts.

*per - for each; for every / according to / in accordance with*

*severance - breaking off, as of a friendship, a removal of a part from the whole.*

What are those thing in your life that seem to be continuously breaking down? Being torn apart? Being removed?

What are those things that just don't seem to fit in your spiritual life anymore?

Here's a faith fact for you:

You could very well be right in the midst of a **prophetic perseverance promise** from the Lord! Keep allowing the Lord to tear away, root up, shift, position, maneuver, modify, adjust, and remake you so that the perseverance serves its full purpose in you.

- Don't jump off the potters wheel !
- Surrender to the pouring of the water upon you !
- Don't take a record of how many laps you've taken and how many revolutions you have endured as the wheel continues to spin in a circle.
- This prophetic cycle isn't for the person who has a short fuse of faith.
- This prophetic perseverance promise will be fulfilled and when the shaking is finished, only what's of the Lord will remain.

### **James 1:12 (NIV)**

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

## **(Point #2)**

- The greater the conflict, the greater the crown.

### **James 1:22-25 (NIV)**

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

- Don't you love mirrors?
- I love how windows can turn into mirrors under the right conditions.
- Story about the models from Karas boutique standing right outside my window.
- Sitting in our board room watching people walk by and check out themselves.

## **(Point #3)**

- God is on the other side of our mirrors inspiring us to not forget who we are.