



Finding Purpose in Trials

Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Scripture Reference: James 1:2-4

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Part 1: Understanding Key Terms

1. What does James mean by "trials of many kinds"? Give 2-3 examples from your own life or observation:

2. The Greek word for "consider" (hēgēsamisthe) is a financial term meaning to "calculate" or "evaluate." Why is this significant?

3. What is the difference between being happy about suffering and finding joy in trials?

Part 2: The Progression of Growth

Fill in the missing information in the chart below:

Stage	Action	Process	The Result
	"Consider it pure joy"		
Testing		Faith is put into practice	
	Perseverance		
Completion		You become whole	

Part 3: Personal Application

4. **Identify:** What is a "trial of many kinds" you are currently facing or have recently faced?

5. **Evaluate:** How have you been viewing this trial? Be honest—have you seen it as an obstacle to happiness or an opportunity for growth?

6. **Respond:** What is ONE specific action you can take this week to "let perseverance finish its work" in this situation?

Part 4: Deeper Reflection

7. James says the goal is to be "mature and complete, not lacking anything." What areas of your character do you think God might be developing through your current trial?

8. How does viewing trials as a "test" rather than a "punishment" change your perspective?

Part 5: Prayer Response

Write a prayer asking God to help you see your current trial from His perspective and to give you the strength to persevere:
