

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS
God Helps Those Facing Trials
James 1:5-18
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Where do you turn when you do not know what to do?
Do you know where to find wisdom?

HELP IN FACING TRIALS

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. 6 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. 7 For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8 NAS

If we persevere in our faith and trust in God, we will have the wisdom we need to succeed.

Wisdom is knowing what to do in the face of adversity and trials.

Your faith is not just a creed you believe in, it is the confidence God is God and will stand with you when you invite Him to.

But Jesus said to him, "If You can?" All things are possible for the one who believes." 24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:23-24 NAS

Because the man recognized his doubt and asked for help Jesus healed his son

SEATED IN HEAVEN

Now the brother or sister of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; 10 but the rich person is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. 11 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. James 1:9-11 NAS

No one escapes the inevitable end to life.

But that is not all there is.

As believers whether rich or poor we have a place for us in Heaven. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7 NIV

Because of what Christ Jesus did for us our future, our eternity is secured.

LIFE IS FOUND WITH GOD

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.

13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. James 1:12-18 NIV

Do not let the trials of this life take away your relationship with God.

God is immutable, the same yesterday, today and forever.

The variable in this world that changes is us.

James tells us there is one God and He never changes.
James tells us his big brother Jesus is the Christ and He is God.

Jesus is the word of truth that gives us eternal life.