

Keep on Enduring The Trials

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James 1:1-12

James 1:12, *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.*

Four Thoughts On Enduring In Trials

1. Trials Are An Odd **BLESSING****

James 1:12, **Blessed** is the one who perseveres under trial...

James 1:2, *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.*

- Trials Come At Surprising Times And Are Often **PERSONALIZED!**

1 Peter 1:6, *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*

1 Peter 4:12, *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

2. Trials Authenticate **MY** Faith

James 1:12, *...having **stood the test**...*

James 1:4, *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. 7 That person should not*

expect to receive anything from the Lord.

- **Trials Produce Durability, Which Produces MATURITY, Which Produces WISDOM, Which Produces STABILITY**

1 Peter 1:7, *These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

Romans 5:1, *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

3. Trials Precede My ETERNAL CROWN

James 1:12, *...that person will receive the **crown of life***

1 Peter 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

4. Trials Underscore My LOVE FOR GOD

James 1:12, *...the Lord has promised **to those who love Him**.*

1 Peter 1:8, *Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*