

# BACK to BASICS

## Lesson 2 - Turning tests into Triumph

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James 1:2-12 <sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; <sup>3</sup>Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. <sup>7</sup>For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. <sup>8</sup>A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup>Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: <sup>10</sup>But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. <sup>11</sup>For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (KJV)

### JAMES' 4 COMMANDS TO MATURING BELIEVERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (V.2) James uses this word as a financial term. We are to count it joy not happiness. This is not happiness because joy is more of a \_\_\_\_\_ than a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **KNOW (V. 3,4)** What does James want us to know?
  - A. Faith is always \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Testing and trials work for us not against us.
  - C. Testing helps \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Mature (v.4)
    2. Complete (v.4)
    3. Experience (v. 4)
3. **ASK (V. 5)** James says we should ask for \_\_\_\_\_. Why should we ask for This gift from God?
  - A. Discern God's purpose in this trial.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Keep our desires and passions in check
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (V. 6-8) James says double-minded people have \_\_\_\_\_ and they should not expect anything from God.

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## JAMES' 4 COMMANDS TO MATURING BELIEVERS:

**(V.9-11)** James takes on the idea of the disparity between those Christians who were well off and those who didn't have much.

**BEATITUDE: *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: (V. 12a)***

James says we \_\_\_\_\_! James uses the analogy of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**PROMISE: *for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (V. 12b)***

The word life there is the word \_\_\_\_\_. One of the meanings of the word speaks to our eternal life.

**Mature Christians:** \_\_\_\_\_