

FAITH ENDURES

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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ Persecution and trials are employed by God to “complete” us and do not necessarily indicate our lack of blessing from God.
- ❖ In James 1:1-18 there are 4 Exhortations for how to respond to various trials.

MAIN POINTS

I. Take note of the benefit of trials: Endurance. (v. 2-3)

II. Consider the Completeness principle. (v. 4-11)

- A. Endurance is an essential, necessary quality for making you mature and complete.
- B. If one lacks wisdom to understand “the completeness principle” God generously will give insight.

III. Contemplate the results. (v. 12-15)

- A. Endurance in trials and persecution results in eternal life.
- B. Yielding to trials and persecution results in spiritual death.

IV. Don't be led astray [by yielding to trials and persecution]

–God's good will who brought about new life by the Word also consistently bestows that which is good to you. (v. 16-18)