

James 1

Real Faith Produces Genuine Stability

The Testing of Your Faith (vss. 2-12)

1. The Testing of Faith Produces _____ (2-4)
 - a. Endurance is just the _____.
 - i. Endurance – Maturity – Fully Developed Character
 - b. Let _____ Lead
 - i. “consider” - ηγεομαι (Gr.) – hegeomai – lead, suppose, rule
 - c. Know God has a _____
 - i. “knowing” - γινωσκω (Gr.) – ginosko – being aware of
 - d. _____, not lacking – Cooperation with God
 - i. 1 Peter 5:6
2. The Testing of Faith Increases _____ (5-8)
 - a. Wisdom – Ability to View Life from _____ Perspective
 - b. _____
 - i. “ask” - αιτεω (Gr.) - aiteo – to ask, beg and/or crave
 - c. _____
 - i. “wave” - κλυδων (Gr.) – klydon – See Luke 8:24-25
 - ii. “double-minded” - διψυχοζ (Gr.) – dipsychos – two-souled, vacillating

3. The testing of Faith Corrects _____ (9-12)

a. _____ – It is temporary

i. Poor – Eternal riches

ii. Rich – Temporary-ness of worldly wealth and your eternal riches

b. _____ – From God

i. “blessed” - μακαριοζ (Gr.) – makarios – supremely blessed, genuinely happy

RESPONSE:

1. How do I view trials? Do they build my faith or tear it down? Why?

2. Why is it difficult at times to view “life” from God’s perspective? Why? What things help/hurt this view?

3. Are there things I own that I put more faith in than God? What are they? What should I do about them?