



# Women Lifting Up Women For His Glory!

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BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enduring Trials and Temptations / Trials and Maturity

REFERENCE SCRIPTURES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 James 1:1-4; 1 Peter 2:2; I Corinthians 3:2; Hebrews 5:12-14; 2 Peter 1:5-7 ; Gal 5:22

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**1. The Word of God clearly tells us to consider it a great joy whenever we experience various trials.**

- Why would you think God would tell us **to consider** it?
- Why would God tell us it is a **great joy**?

***Because it would add to our \_\_\_\_\_ . (Galatians 5:22; 2 Peter 1:5-7)***

We can't really know the depts of our **character** until we see how we react under pressure. It is easy to be kind when everything is going well, but can we be kind when others are treating us unfairly? God's desire is to make us **mature** and complete (perfect), not to keep us from all pain. Instead of complaining we should see them as an opportunity for growth.

**2. *Various/divers - trials/temptations produces \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Peter 2:2; I Corinthians 3:2)***

One characteristic all children share is that they want to grow up, to be like the big kids or their parents. When we are born again we become spiritual babies. If we are healthy, we will yearn to grow. How sad is it that some of us never grow up. The need for milk is a natural instinct for a baby and it is necessary for growth. Once we see our need for God's word and begin to find nourishment in Christ, our spiritual appetite will increase and we will start to **mature**.

3. In order to grow from a “baby” Christian to a “grown-up” Christian, we must learn discernment. We must train our consciences, our senses, our minds and our bodies to distinguish good from evil.

**Can you recognize temptation before it controls you?**

**Explain what occurred.**

***What was a most recent encounter of discernment that you had and you did not succumb to the attack?*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAYER:**

Ask God to show you areas in your life that you would like Him to help you in so that you can build Christ like character qualities to develop in life. (2 Peter 1:5-7).

*...Add to your faith virtue,  
 To virtue knowledge  
 To knowledge temperance  
 To temperance patience  
 To patience godliness  
 To godliness brotherly kindness  
 To brotherly kindness, charity*

A life of faith lead to learning to know God better, developing patience, doing God’s will and loving others. These actions do not come automatically they require hard work. They **are not optional**; all of them must be a continual part of the Christian life.