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HOW TO ENDURE

JAMES 1:2-12 (NASB)

QUESTION: "How do we turn trouble into blessings?"

I. TRIALS OF LIFE ARE A TEST.

INSIGHT: You never really know if a professed faith is genuine till it shines strong in adversity.

TRUTH: Trials reveal a professed faith as real or false.

TRUTH: Trials are tests to demonstrate your faith.

INSIGHT: The Bible emphasizes not the type of troubles that come to us but their diversity.

TRUTH: At the end of the day, how you respond to all the difficulties of life trials is a test of your faith.

II. THE KEYS TO ENDURING ANYTHING

1. A joyous attitude, v. 2

TRUTH: The challenge in each trial is the cultivation of an attitude of joy.

TRUTH: There's no joy in the pain of trouble; the joy is in where it's designed by God to take you.

INSIGHT: The trial of Job was to prove saving faith can't be broken... it's an eternal thing (Job 23:10).

2. An understanding mind, v. 3

INSIGHT: Trials endured produce staying power in the most difficult times of life and enable us to be encouragers of others who suffer.

*Four promises of God in every trial:

- a) God has a plan.
- b) God is sovereign enough to work that plan in my life.
- c) God is wise enough that we know it's the right plan for us.
- d) God will never put us through what He won't give grace to endure!

TRUTH: Never blame Satan for your trials. Don't get caught up in rebuking him, because he's in every Christian life by permission and the direction of God.

3. A submissive will, v. 4

TRUTH: In your trial...let it happen, submit to whatever God wants to do "in" you (Psalm 131:1-2).