

Forging a Full-Grown Faith
James 1:1-12

Who would ever suggest that they value trials as an _____? Apparently God thinks they are since in His word, He inspired James to write James 1:1-12.

A trial is any kind of trouble that tempts us to turn to the _____ and shun _____ to get the struggle to stop.

The Bible says we should consider these “_____.” To “consider” is to let a particular thought rule or _____ all other thoughts. It is hard when trials and difficulties come to control your thoughts and refuse to think anything other than “With Christ in my life, I trust He is going to make this thing which _____ into a _____. And not just a good thing but _____ good.”

For this to become our controlling thought when trials come requires that we understand the real _____ and goal of life. Trials are obstacles to the prevailing view of the purpose of life: to gain _____ stuff. The Bible says we can consider trials pure joy only if we change our view of life’s purpose—to become mature and complete in the Lord. To have a “_____ -_____” faith.

Paul wrote in Phil. 3 that a mature faith, true faith, the only kind that will _____ you through trial, is faith in _____ as your Savior and Lord.

Eph. 4 teaches that mature faith is forged in the context of the _____—the community of believers. It is within the _____ of _____ and by serving that body that our faith is nurtured to grow and mature so that it can sustain us when _____ by the waves and _____ by the storms of life.

The Bible says our faith _____ by trials becomes more valuable than _____, which perishes even though refined by fire.

Christian faith isn’t a supernatural _____ to avoid all trials and problems. What it offers is a supernatural _____ for every trial that comes—to mature your faith so that you will endure and receive the _____ of _____ from the One in whom you have faith.