

JAMES

FAITH THAT WORKS

Faith and Trials (James 1:1-12) | February 6, 2022

OUR APPRAISAL OF TRIALS

James 1:2-4 ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- While Olympic training focuses narrowly on physical performance, Christian training focuses broadly on our _____.
- While Olympians go through specialized training, the Christian's training comes via _____.
- While the Olympian chooses to undergo his/her training regimen, the Christian's training comes at _____.

OUR TOOLS FOR TRIALS

James 1:5-8 ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

- Biblical Wisdom is the ability to understand and live out our lives with God at the _____.

OUR END OF TRIALS

James 1:9-12 ⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wildflower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

1 Peter 1:6-7 *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

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