

## Study of the Book of James

### Trials (James 1:1-12)

What to do when going through a trial?

- **Have the right outlook- Count (James 1:2)**
  - **Your outlook will affect your outcome. The way you see it will determine how you get out of it.**
- **Have Joy** (James 1:2)
- **Ask for Help in Faith** (Verse 5)
  - <sup>5</sup> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
    - Wisdom begins with knowing what God said about it.
    - Wisdom is A Gift from God.
    - Wisdom is the ability to apply spiritual truth to life's circumstances.
    - God Wisdom's is wiser than your biggest problem.

Having faith means not being double minded. A double-minded person has the following straits:

- Two minds or two souls
- Restless Thoughts
- Confusion
- Conflict with himself/herself
- Unstable
- Going two directions at once- It means to respond to your problem with an earthly and heavenly perspective.

Sticky Statement: Sometimes it's not the trial, that paralyzes you, it's your thinking.

James 1:9-11 (James gives examples of responding to life with wisdom by using the poor and the rich)

What happens after I pass the trial (test)?

- There are five types of crowns that we can receive in the kingdom.
  - Crown of Mastery (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)
  - Crown of Rejoicing (First Thessalonians 2:19)
  - Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:2-4)
  - **Crown of Life (James 1:12)**
  - Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:7-8)
- Crown is the Greek word stephanos which means badge of royalty.
  - In the Kingdom, **crosses before crown.**
- The Crown of Life
  - This crown is given to those who were faithful in suffering and enduring trials.