

LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK

(James 1:2 KJV) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
(James 1:3 KJV) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (James 1:4 KJV) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

1. UNPRECEDENTED ATTACKS AND PRESSURES BEING RELEASED.

1. *In the form of trials, afflictions, temptations, adversity.*

1. Trials, afflictions, tribulation basically the same.

2. Adversity.

1. 6869. tsarah, tsaw-raw'; fem. of H6862; tightness (i.e. fig. trouble); trans. a female rival:--adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.

2. 6862. tsar, tsar; or tsar, tsawr; from H6887; narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually fig., i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in H6864); (trans.) an opponent (as crowding):--adversary, afflicted (-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

3. (2 Sam 4:9 KJV) And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

4. (Prov 17:17 KJV) A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

5. (Prov 24:10 KJV) If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

2. *God=s role.*

1. Adversity comes from the adversary.

2. God tempteth no man.

3. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

3. *Some we are responsible for, some we are not.*

4. *If we are responsible, must seek forgiveness.*

5. *If we are not responsible, must learn how to respond.*

2. PROPER RESPONSE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD TRIALS OF FAITH.

1. *Can't blame others for our failures.*

1. Only I can answer for deeds done in my body.

2. Find it convenient to cop out by blaming others. Determine we're going all the way regardless of the cost.

2. *Nothing can separate me from the love of God.*

3. *Jesus is still Lord, and He'll carry me through.*

1. This trial won't last long.

2. I will come out stronger than before.

4. *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.*

1. Count it all joy when fall into divers temptations.

2. Learning to give thanks in every situation.

3. Hab. 3:17-18 - *"Although the fig tree shall not blossom...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*

4. Count your blessings; they outweigh the hardships.

5. Cast off self-pity spirit; feeling sorry for self.

3. FACING LIFE-CHANGING CRISES (When you feel the whole world is crumbling under you).

1. *Divorce, death of loved one, serious illness, loss of job, loss of security, loss of material goods, war.*

2. *Facing reality of one's own death--believe God for long and fulfilling life.*

3. *Facing old age.*

1. Don't face with sense of failure, but sense of accomplishment that at least your life has been dedicated to the Lord (may not have accomplished all desired).
 2. Believe that God isn't through with you--there is still a vision, a goal, there is hope.
 3. Look at old age as being a special blessing with freedom to do things you've been unable to do previously.
4. WHYMANY DO NOT STAND.
1. *Do not stand the pressure because of shallowness of root.*
 1. Religious games.
 2. Can look like, talk like, and even act like a believer, but still fall.
 2. *Many don't stand storm because not built upon the rock.*
 1. Foolish man built on sand - Heard Word, didn't act upon it.
 2. Wise man built on rock - Heard and did the Word.
5. LEARNING TO LIVE PROPER LIFESTYLE TO AVOID A LOT OF PITFALLS.
1. *Lifestyle of recognizing God in all areas of our lives---spirit, soul, and body.*
 2. *Lifestyle of prayer - communion and fellowship.*
 3. *Lifestyle of the Word.*
 1. Listening to tapes no substitute.
 2. Reading other materials no substitute.
 3. Christian TV no substitute.
 4. Going to church every night, working for God no substitute.
 4. *Practice lifestyle of restraint (crucifying the flesh; buffeting the flesh).*

5. *Lifestyle of honoring temple of Holy Ghost (taking care of body).*