

SHOW JAMES

PART ONE

faith that works

JAMES 1:1-8

Key points

Think back through the message.
What stuck out?

Introduction

- Genesis 3:16-19

James 1:1

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- “I am a *doulos* (bondservant)”

James 1:2

“consider”

- KJV: “Count” or calculate
- Greek = *hēgeomai* - to have command over

“pure Joy”

- KJV: “wholly joy”
- Other translations: “all joy”
- Joy is the deepest kind of happiness

“face trials of many kinds”

- Greek (*periptō*) literally means: “*when you fall into*”

James 1:3

“know” & “endure”

- Not that it will produce, but it can produce endurance
- James is not saying we will “feel” joy

James 1:4

“let endurance have its full effect”

“A person will do in crisis what they have done in habit” - Pastor Ron Lewis

James 1:5-8

1. Trials make you wonder
2. Consider every trouble to be a trial
3. Consider every trouble an opportunity
4. Endurance is impossible apart from trials
5. No endurance, no maturity
6. There is wisdom for the asking

CHARACTER

Character is the proudest through our hard times!

Character is the springboard from which all we do and say in life comes. Developing Biblical character in the face of our daily life and even in adversity is essential and the proof text that we have a growing relationship with Christ! Character is not just having integrity or honesty or doing the right thing, it is not one aspect or even a few, it is a living, growing relationship in Christ which produces a synergistic combination of the fruits of the Spirit.

John tells us that He must increase and we must decrease (John 3:29-30). If we refuse this vital call, God just may allow those hardships to come our way, breaking us down so we will yield and grow as His child. Just as a good loving parent will discipline his child, we, too, will receive discipline. But, this is not a personal attack; rather it is a way we can grow and be better used by our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23-24; 1 Peter 1:5). We have to be willing to be identified with Him no matter what the cost, as the rewards will be far greater than we could ever imagine! So, are you willing to reduce yourself to the real you? The person as you are called by Jesus Christ to be? So that He is greater in character and precepts in your trust and faith, and in your obedience and application of life? And, so you become less in your will, aspirations, lust, and sin? If not, what is in the way of God working in you?

Let us use our lives for His glory so we point people to Christ with passion, integrity, and consistency!



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