

## James 1:1-8

## DOES JESUS CARE?

- A. We need to ask ourselves, "Who is in \_\_\_\_\_ of my plans?"
- B. We need to ask ourselves, "How am I going to \_\_\_\_\_ to interruptions in my \_\_\_\_\_ that the LORD has \_\_\_\_\_?"
- C. The goal of this message is to \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage you and help you have a biblical perspective (God's perspective) in your trial so you can learn to truly \_\_\_\_\_ it all joy when you encounter various trials and from your heart say, "It is well. It is well with my soul."
- D. The word "**consider**" means to "\_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_."
- E. To **consider**, that is use our **mind** and **think** through and add up the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we have **learned** from our Bibles and by \_\_\_\_\_ apply them.
- F. In order for us to \_\_\_\_\_ through the **principles** and **promises**, \_\_\_\_\_ you have taken the time to learn some **principles** and **promises** from the Bible so that when the trial comes you can \_\_\_\_\_ rest in them.
- G. Principle to remember: God doesn't give us trials to try to \_\_\_\_\_ us spiritually, but to \_\_\_\_\_ become more spiritually mature.
- H. Instead of focusing on your \_\_\_\_\_, focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the Bible and \_\_\_\_\_ on by faith.
- I. The second option is we can let your emotions be in control and focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ down the path that leads to all sorts of negativity.
- J. We must remember God allows trials to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith not \_\_\_\_\_ us up. God doesn't allow trials, to \_\_\_\_\_ us spiritually, but to \_\_\_\_\_ us. God doesn't allow trials to make us \_\_\_\_\_ believers, but \_\_\_\_\_ believers.
- K. The Greek word translated joy in the context of this verse means "**gladness of the soul**". It is an internal joy that gives us \_\_\_\_\_, comfort and contentment regardless of what our \_\_\_\_\_ are.
- L. Trials are designed to do three things:
- #1 They are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith
- #2 They are designed to reveal our \_\_\_\_\_ character.
- #3 They are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ us to depend upon God.

M. Testing of your faith means God uses trials to \_\_\_\_\_ / test us and so we can \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to see if we truly believe what we say we believe.

N. If you pass the test your \_\_\_\_\_ character will be revealed showing that you really do \_\_\_\_\_ God.

O. God has provided the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God as the two primary power sources for Christians that we \_\_\_\_\_ plug in to so they can have endurance to be patient and persevere in trials.

P. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ together. They don't \_\_\_\_\_ independent from one another.

Q. The Lord doesn't allow trials to make us \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
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R. Wisdom involves an integration of \_\_\_\_\_, acquired through life's experiences, education and God's \_\_\_\_\_ Word.

S. When we ask God for wisdom, we must do two things.

#1 we must ask in \_\_\_\_\_.

#2 we must ask without any \_\_\_\_\_.

T. The \_\_\_\_\_ to doubt is to \_\_\_\_\_ studying the Word of God and getting to know God so you can have \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

How does this apply to me?