

# Is Your Faith Working?

## A Study of James

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### “Getting The Best From The Worst”

My \_\_\_\_\_ is determined by my \_\_\_\_\_.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROBLEMS:

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.” (James 1:2-3)

1. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### THE PURPOSE OF PROBLEMS:

1. Problems \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

“...the testing of your faith...” (1:3)

“He has tested me through the refining fire and I have come out as pure gold.” (Job 23:10)

2. Problems \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

“...the testing ... develops perseverance.” (1:3)

3. Problems \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

“...the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” (1:3-4)

God’s #1 purpose in my life is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Two ways God makes me more like Jesus:

- A. He uses \_\_\_\_\_.

“Sanctify them by Your word. Your word is truth.”  
(John 17:17 NKJV)

- B. He uses \_\_\_\_\_.

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...” (Romans 8:28-29 NKJV)

#### HOW TO HANDLE YOUR PROBLEMS:

- #1. \_\_\_\_\_

“Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials...” (vs. 1)

- #2. \_\_\_\_\_

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” (vs. 5)

- #3. \_\_\_\_\_

“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt...” (vs. 6)

#### The Result:

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are taken from  
The New International version of the Bible.