

11. "Growing up" is not the same thing as what?
12. Are you as concerned about "growing up" as you ought to be?
13. According to the observation of Warren Wiersbe, what is the number one problem in our churches?
14. James begins his letter by discussing what?
15. James knew that one of the necessary ingredients for spiritual growth and maturity is what?
16. The first thing that James tells us is that trials are what?
17. The number and severity of trials differ, which is why James uses what expression?
18. What "gospel" is an abhorrent distortion of God's Word?
19. The 2nd thing James tells us is that trials are what?
20. What (in our life) does the Lord NOT waste?
21. If you have a friend/loved one going through a deep and difficult trial, it is probably not the best time to do what?
22. When James writes these words, he is addressing more than the hour of what?
23. Do you want to grow and mature and develop in your character?
24. What verse ought to be our life's verse?
25. What are some other translations of the word translated "patience" in the NKJV?
26. God's desire is for us to be what in our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ?
27. To be firm and steadfast in our walk with the Lord means that we don't live our lives based on what?
28. Maturity means that we don't live our lives by what?
29. The very fact that James gives us this exhortation is a reminder to us that trials do not automatically do what?
30. When you go through trials do you come out better or bitter?
31. If we are honest, many of us, when going through a trial think God is what?
32. Job 1:22 tells us that Job did not sin nor do what?
33. As the story of Job went on, Job allowed himself to end up degenerating in his attitude and being careless with what?
34. Job needed to be reminded that God is infinitely what?
35. Job was reminded that the proper response was not to accuse God but to what?
36. Is your goal for you the same as God's goal?
37. In trials, rather than asking why, we should ask God for what?
38. In trials, we often want to ask for what?
39. To see our trials as James describes takes what kind of wisdom?
40. The book of James has been called the what of the New Testament?
41. If there are doubts in our praying for wisdom then we have a what?
42. If we doubt the character of God our Father and His goodness, our greatest need is not wisdom but what?
43. We have the potential, when going through trials, to be what?

44. Instead of being double-minded we need to refocus and remember that God is what?

45. We ought to ask God for the wisdom to grow in maturity and the wisdom to walk through our trial in a way that does what?

46. What is another prayer that God delights to answer?

Jesus did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like Himself. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read James through three times this week.**
- 2) Read James 1:1-11 each day**
- 3) When you hear about trials and tests, what do you usually think about?**
- 4) In what way could "wealth" be a trial or a test?**

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MATURITY THROUGH TRIALS

James 1:4-8

(Series #3)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Maturity Through Trials.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Who, besides Peter, James, and John, could be considered the most influential Christian leader of the 1st century?
2. James was the half-brother of whom?
3. James became a believer in Jesus as Messiah after what event?
4. What four passages/references give support to James being one of the most influential leaders of the 1st century church?
5. James was a leader with a shepherd's heart, thus he did what in relation to God's people?
6. Rather than boasting about being the half-brother of Jesus, James identified himself as a what?
7. Who wrote the first of all the New Testament letters?
8. The book of James was a letter written to all Jewish Christians who had been scattered by the persecution resulting from whose martyrdom?
9. One thing every genuine pastor is concerned about is what, in relation to those under his care?
10. Several times James uses the word "perfect" which means what?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**