

James 1:1-8

¹James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1:2-3

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Concerning Trials...

1. God commands a purely joyful attitude every single time

James 1:4

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Concerning Trials...

2. God commands to let steadfast endurance have its perfect work

James 1:5

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Concerning Trials...

3. God commands His people to ask for wisdom in trials in faith when they lack it

James 1:7-8

⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Concerning Trials...

4. God commands His doubters not to think they will receive anything from the Lord

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Summary: In trials, God commands...

Joyful attitudes (1:2-3)

Submitting to His purposeful work (1:4)

Asking for wisdom when struggling (1:5-6)

No doubt in His abilities and promises (1:7-8)

Conclusion

God commands His people to have joyful-submissive-faith filled wisdom in trials, and He provides it for those who ask in faith.