



THE END GOAL – SPIRITUAL MATURITY

James 1:1-8 (NKJV)

Family Rejection

- Joseph by his brothers - Read Genesis 37
- Jesus by his brothers - Matt.13:55; Jude 1, John 7:3-4

When did James personally accept Jesus as His Saviour?

James 1:1

Who is James' letter written to? James 1:1

Vs. 2 "Consider it all joy"

- What does consider mean?
- What is the Biblical understanding of joy?

Vs. 2 "Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials"

- Why does James use the word "when" and not "if"?
- What does trials or tribulations mean?
- Why is joy not merely a feeling?

Vs. 3 "Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience?"

- What does "knowing" mean?
- Why must our faith be tested?
- How should we approach patience?

Vs. 4 "But let patience"

- Why would he use the word "let"?
- What is patience designed to do in our lives?

Vs. 4 "But let patience have a mature work, that you may be mature and complete"

- Why use the word "mature" and not "perfect"?
- What does "complete" mean?
- What does an incomplete or fractured life look like?

Vs. 5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him/her ask from God"

- Why does James say to have wisdom and not just increase our knowledge regarding our trials?
- Prov. 4:7
- Where do we find this wisdom?
- How do we get it?

Vs. 5 "Who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to that person"

- What does "liberally" mean?
- What does "without reproach" mean?

Vs. 6 "Ask in faith, not doubting"

- What does "ask in faith" mean?
- What does a doubting faith look like?

John 16:33

- Jesus' reminder to us that trials are inescapable in this world but He offers us two promises.
 - First promise – "In Me you will have peace"
 - Second promise – "I have overcome the world" (He has the last say in your life)