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James 1:1-4

## MATURING THROUGH LIFE'S TRIALS

### I. Introduction: Background of The Book Of James

James addresses the questions:

**“If you say you believe, why do live as if you don’t?”** Or as Chuck Colson wrote in his book Loving God asks, **“What good is it to have beliefs, if you are not going to live by them.”**

**“James** a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, **To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations.** James 1:1

- Who was James?
- Who was the audience?

### II. In Our Problems, (trials) We must realize:

#### A. Difficulties Come Into \_\_\_\_\_ Life

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, **whenever** you face trials of **many** kinds.” James 1:2

1. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_

2. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Determines The Outcome.**

“**Consider** it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.” James 1:2

**C. We Can Be Certain God Has A \_\_\_\_\_**

[3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be **mature** and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:3-4

**3 Purposes of Trials:**

- Problems Purify My \_\_\_\_\_
- Problems Develop My \_\_\_\_\_
- Problems Build My \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Things Maturity is not:**

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**III. Conclusion and Application:**