

Daily Devotion For January 9, 2023

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-4

Yesterday I spoke on the above scripture passage taken from James 1:2-4. When we go through times of trials and testing sometimes we may ask the question, "why me or why this?" But do we ever stop to ask ourselves the question, "What lessons is God trying to teach me through this?" Ask Christians that may be the more appropriate question to ask.

The trials that we go through in life can either make us bitter or better. Someone once said the difference between bitter and better is the "I". We need to ask the question, what can "I" learn from this. How can I use this time of testing grow and mature?

Thought For Today: When you face the trials of life, how do you respond. Is your first response what can I learn though this? Have the trials of your life made you bitter or better? Can you find "joy" when you encounter various trials.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for the Matsuyama and Yano families at the passing of Kazuko and Leslie. Pray for Setsuko Yamanishi's care giver Melanie as she has surgery tomorrow. Pray that God would give you the proper perspective in the midst of your trials. Deo Volente.