



James 1:1-4 NIV

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, 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.



1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



James 1:2-4 (The Message) *(paraphrase)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

Previous Scripture: 1 Peter 1:6-7;

James 1:1-4



I. They Should Give Perspective



James 1:2 NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

Previous Scripture: James 1:2-4;

1 Peter 1:6-7; James 1:1-4



I. They Should Give Perspective



John 16:33 NIV

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”



I. They Should Give Perspective



Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Previous Scripture: John 16:33;

James 1:2; James 1:2-4



I. They Should Give Perspective



Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



I. They Should Give Perspective



Romans 12:15 NIV

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.



I. They Should Give Perspective



1 Thessalonians 4:13 NIV

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.



II. They Should Bring Out the Best James 1:3 NIV



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faith produces perseverance.



II. They Should Bring Out the Best



Romans 5:3-4 NIV

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.



II. They Should Bring Out the Best



2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.



III. They Should Result in Maturity James 1:4 NIV



Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



III. They Should Result in Maturity Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



III. They Should Result in Maturity Romans 8:18 NIV



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.



III. They Should Result in Maturity



2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Previous Scripture: Romans 8:18;

Galatians 5:22-23; James 1:4