



"SEEING YOUR PROBLEMS IN A NEW WAY"

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James 1:1-6

Hebrews 6: 1a (NKJV): *"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ", "*

James 1:1-3 (NKJV): *"James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."*

vs. 4-6: *"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If 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. But 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."*

FOUR FACTS OF LIFE REGARDING OUR PROBLEMS

1. Problems are **INESCAPABLE**. vs. 2-3: *"My brethren, count it all joy when you/all into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."*
2. Problems are **UNPREDICTABLE** " ... when you fall into various trials ... "
3. Problems come in **MANY SHAPES**. "various kinds ... "
4. Problems are **PURPOSEFUL**. "the testing of your faith produces perseverance. "

THREE VALUES TO THE PROBLEMS I'M GOING THROUGH

1. Problems **PURIFY MY FAITH** v. 3: " ... the testing of your faith produces patience. "

Job 23:10 (NLT): *"But he knows where I am going. And when he tests me, I will come out as pure as gold."*

2. Problems **STRENGTHENS MY PERSEVERANCE** v. 3: " ... the testing of your faith produces patience. "

3. Problems **HELP ME GROW** James 1:3-4 (NKJV): *"knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*

John 17: 17 (NIV): *"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."*

HOW DOES THE BIBLE SAY I SHOULD HANDLE MY PROBLEMS

1. **I SHOULD REJOICE**

James 1:2 (NKJV): *"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,"*

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NIV): *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

2. **PRAY**

James 1:5 (NIV): *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

3. **RELAX**

James 1:6 (NKJV): *"But 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."*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."*