

“Moving Triumphantly Through Trials”

James 1:4-11

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D. The condition for wisdom is faith -v8.

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III. Triumph requires us to have a humble spirit.

A. If you’re poor, exult in the high position of your spiritual reality.

James 1:9 — *“But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position;”*

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