

Embracing Patience as A Disciple of Jesus Christ



James 1:2-8, 2 Timothy 3:10-17

- This passage of Scripture is a reminder that every true disciple will be tested by many trials, tribulations and temptations in this life. (James 1:2-8, John 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12-13, Matthew 6:31-33)
 - Purpose: To assist us in our continual growth and develop while enduring the test and trials of this life as Christ disciples.
 - Goal: To encourage every disciple of Jesus Christ to finish the ministry work of Christ.
 - Spiritual Principles: Authority, Grace, Obedience, Stewardship, Faith, Agreement
- Notice James declares, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.” (vs. 2)
 1. An attitude of joy or a spirit of joy. (1 Peter 1:3-9)
 - The statement is true, “Your attitude will determine your altitude.”
 2. A disciple of Christ can have an attitude of “joy or a spirit of joy” when facing all forms of trials, suffering, and pain.
 - There are Three Things a Disciple must understand and remember:
 1. Being a disciple of Christ doesn’t mean we are exempt from all forms of trials and temptation. (John 16:33)
 2. Being a disciple of Christ don’t mean we are joyful over the negatives things that are happening in our lives.
 3. Being a disciple of Christ do mean to “count it all joy or consider it a great joy” is a choice. (vs. 2) (Psalms 5:11-12, 34:1-3, Romans 15:13)
 - We choose to rejoice in the Lord and trust His abiding presence to fill our lives with joy and peace in all situations. (Nehemiah 8:10, Psalm 16:11)
 - We choose to focus on the Lord. (Psalm 121:1-8, Hebrews 12:1-2)
 - We choose to put our faith and trust in the Source and Sustainer of life, which is The Lord God Almighty. (Proverbs 3:5-7, Psalm 37:1-11)
 - 3. A disciple of Christ should maintain a good attitude toward God and their trials. (2 Corinthians 3:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Hebrews 12:11, 1 Peter 3:14-15, Job 23:10)