

Believe It Or Not

What Next? The New Normal, Part 4

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James 1:1-8

Verse 1,2

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

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

Consider = "to embrace or adopt"

Face = "to be surprised by something bad"

Verse 3

because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

**God honors, and God is most glorified by
_____ faith.**

Verse 4

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

**Your greatest tension in life
is the place where God wants to _____.**

finish = (Gk) teleion = "complete"

mature = (Gk) teleion = "complete"

complete = (Gk) holokleeroi = "complete in every part"

**Spiritual maturity is always measured in terms of
persevering faith, not _____.**

Verse 5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Wisdom: the ability to see as _____.

Verse 6-7

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

**I have to believe there is a faithful God
who is up to something.**

You endure to mature.

Heavenly Father, I believe You will **use** this
until You choose to **remove** this.
Grant me the **wisdom** to see as you see,
and the **strength** to do as you say.