



# Fiery Trials Part 2

James Series

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# **Indeed: Career Guide**

## **9 Character Traits For Work and Life**

Courage

Discipline

Endurance

Flexibility

Humility

Loyalty

Patience

Persistence

Wisdom

# James and the Sermon on the Mount S.O.M

James has the practical  
wisdom pattern of Proverbs.

James has the perspective  
preaching patterns of the  
Sermon on the Mount.





# James and S.O.M.

**James 1: 2 - 3**, Consider it joy, my brothers and sisters, when you face **trials** of various kinds, knowing that the **testing** of your faith produces endurance.

**Matthew 5: 11 – 12**, Blessed are you when men cast **insults** at you, and **persecute** you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, account of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great...



# James and S.O.M.

**James 1: 4**, And let endurance have its **perfect** result, that you may be **perfect** and complete, lacking in nothing.

**Matthew 5: 48**, Therefore, you are to be **perfect** as your heavenly Father is **perfect**.





# 7 Words from James 1: 2 - 6

Consider

Joy

Trials

Knowing

Perfect

Asking God

In Belief

**Fiery Trials – Part 1**



# 6 Questions from James 1: 7 - 12




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## 1. What man?

The man from v's 5 - 6  
who asked God for  
wisdom – but out of  
doubt, fear, or greed, not  
faith.

For let not that man  
think that he shall  
receive any thing  
of the Lord. A double  
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James 1:7-8

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### 2. What is double-minded?

#### Double-minded

Serving God and the world simultaneously

# Double-minded

*Dipsuchos*: two-souled

Divided loyalties

Insecure and unstable

Inconsistencies in thought

Acting two-faced



**Psalm 119: 113**, I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 15**, Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

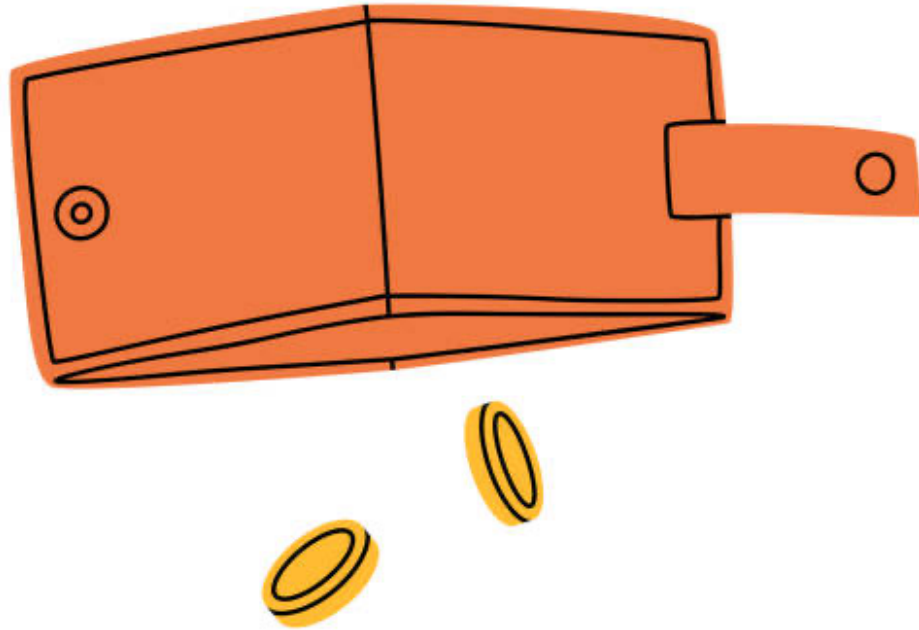
**Matthew 6: 24**, You can't serve God and money.





Now the brother or sister of humble  
circumstances is to glory in his high position;  
but the rich person is to glory in his humiliation,  
because like flowering grass he will pass away.  
**James 1:9-10**

## 6 Questions from James 1: 7 – 12



**3. What are the humble circumstances James is talking about?**

# **Trials of Money: Humble Circumstances**

Resources are low

Finances are tight or behind

No control over changes

Hope for better position?





# Glory High Position

**Focus** on the glory of our eternal status of royal heirs in the Kingdom.

**Rejoice** in our spiritual blessings over our lack of material ones.



# Humble Circumstances Contentment

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6: 6 – 8**, But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**Matthew 5: 6**, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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but the rich person is to glory in his humiliation,  
because like flowering grass he will pass away.

**James 1:9-10**



## 6 Questions from James 1: 7 – 12



**4. What is glory in  
his humiliation  
for a rich man?**

# Glory in Humiliation?!?

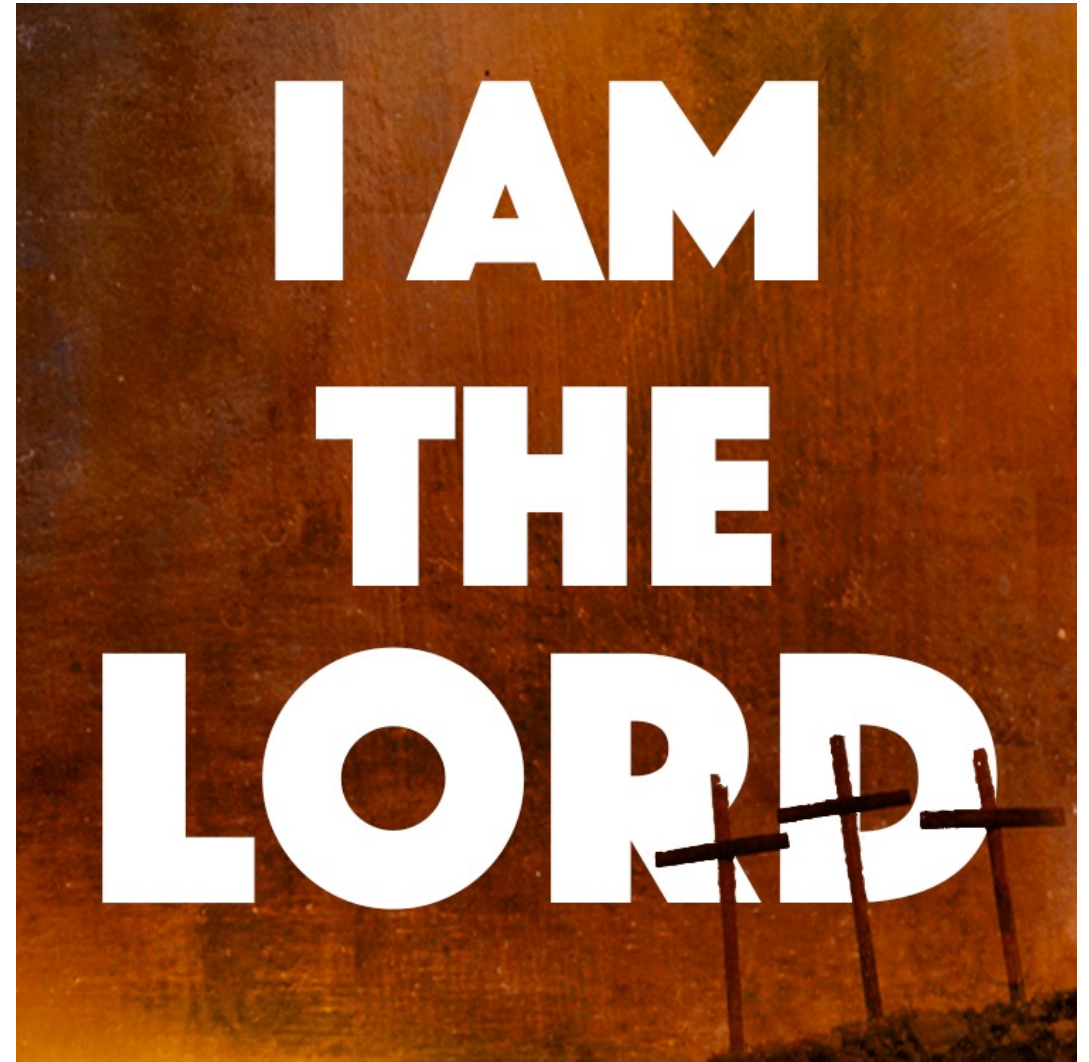
**Focus** on the glory of our eternal status of royal heirs in the Kingdom.

**Rejoice** in our spiritual blessings over our abundance of material ones.



# Glory in the Lord

**Jeremiah 9: 23 – 24**, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches, but let him who glories know this, that I am the Lord, that I am exercising lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth.





**Proverbs 30: 8 - 9,**

Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God.





## Equality in Death

**Ecclesiastes 9: 2**, All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not...

For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and  
its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed  
so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

James 1:11





# 6 Questions from James 1: 7 - 12

5. What is spiritual  
perseverance?

“Blessed is the one who  
perseveres under trial because,  
having stood the test, that person  
will receive the crown of life that  
the Lord has promised to those  
who love Him.”

— James 1:12



# Endurance Perseverance

**Endurance:** the ability to continue an activity, a difficult situation, or to withstand pain, stress, or fatigue over a long period of time.


**Perseverance:** persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in success.



Spiritual  
endurance  
requires  
complete  
dependence on  
God's strength  
working in us.





A photograph of a red running track with white lane markings, curving into the distance. In the background, a bright sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a sky filled with orange and yellow clouds. A green field is visible to the left of the track.

Let us run with perseverance the race  
marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.  
HEBREWS 12:1-2

We keep moving, believing, growing, praying, loving,  
serving, giving, joining, suffering, grieving, laughing,  
weeping, reading God's Word, worshipping,  
praising, and sharing together – forever.

# 6 Questions from James 1: 7 - 12

## 6. What is the crown of life?



Blessed is the man  
who endures temptation;  
for when he has been approved,  
he will receive the crown of life  
which the Lord has promised  
to those who love Him.

**(JAMES 1:12)**





**Revelation 2: 10**, Do not fear what you are about to suffer. The devil is about to throw some of you into prison, so that you may be tested, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.



# Crown of Life

## Fiery Trials

**Perseverance** through  
challenge and testing  
Reward for faithfulness

**Victory in eternal life:**  
for those who endured  
suffered, were  
persecuted, and even  
died for Jesus

