

One Step to Freedom  
Chapter 3: Trials and Temptations

Lesson 1 Part 2  
Victory through Obedience

What excellent insight for all of us to learn from the Bible concerning trials. Can you remember a tough trial that produced patience and Christian maturity in your life? How can the Bible help you the next time you are going through a trial?

1. Read James 1:5-8. If we lack wisdom concerning our trials, what should we do?

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2. What will God do?

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3. How should we ask?

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4. If we don't exhibit faith, what are we exhibiting?

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5. What is a doubting person like?

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6. If we doubt what God is doing and can do, what are we?

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Trust God and ask Him for help and wisdom to deal with trials. Don't doubt, but count it all joy, as these trials will produce maturity in your life.

Read James 1:9-11. The double-minded man is torn between two worlds; but as he pursues this temporal world he will lose everything that he stores up, resulting in humiliation, and will become like withered grass that passes away. The lowly brother who is content with the things of God will get his glory later (see verse 12).

7. Read James 1:12-18. What is the man who endures temptation?

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8. What will he eventually receive?

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9. Who promises this?

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10. How can we apply this wonderful promise when we are tempted to sin?

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11. Does God tempt us?

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12. How are we tempted?

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13. What does desire do once it is conceived?

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14. What is the result of sin?

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15. Sin has a life cycle that leads to death. Can we as Christians really “get away” with sin?

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16. Where does every good gift come from?

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All those who belong to Christ are God’s children and are a different human race. We are new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) that are to live for God’s righteousness, not man’s sinfulness.

17. Read James 1:19-20. Considering the nature of trials and temptations, what should be our actions?

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Enduring trials and temptations is a part of the everyday experiences of true believers. We need to listen more, speak less, and let God be the Judge of our lives. We should concentrate on growing in our relationship with God, being steadfast and faithful in trials, and obedient and submissive to Him in the face of temptations.

Further reading: Read James chapter 2.