

Maintaining Perspective on Trials and Temptations

James 1:9-12

A. Glory in Your Status. 1:9-11

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 - f. He has an enormous inheritance coming! v. 11
 - g. He has been sealed with the Holy Spirit as a down payment on his inheritance! vv. 13-14
2. How does the wealthy Christian glory in his status? 1:10-11
 - a. Answer: He is to glory in his humiliation!
 - b. How does he do that? He lives every day in light of his own mortality.

B. Anticipate Your Reward. 1:12

1. There are great blessings for the person who perseveres when facing trials & temptations.
2. To "persevere" is to "remain under" the trial / temptation instead of cutting and running.

3. Don't try to wriggle out of your trial / temptation.
4. Ask God to help you endure it.
5. Approved: God is always looking to prove that we have endurance when we encounter trials / temptations.
6. God always wants us to succeed, not fail when we encounter trials / temptations.
7. God will reward believers who endure trials / temptations with the crown of life.
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 - d. We call this "the Perseverance of the Saints."
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