

Why Me?

Gaining God's Wisdom through Trials James 1:5-8 Chris Mueller 9-19-2021

Introduction:

1st Trials test the _____ of your faith

Exodus 16:4 the LORD said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

2nd Trials are given to _____ you

2 Corinthians 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above

3rd Trials wean you from your dependence on this _____

John 6:5–6 Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat? This He was saying to test him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. **7** Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little

4th Trials are used to give you _____ hope

Philippians 1:23–24 to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better

5th Trials reveal what you really _____

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

6th Trials teach you to value God's _____

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

7th Trials develop your spiritual strength for greater _____

2 Corinthians 12:10 I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

THOMAS MANTON While all things are quiet and comfortable, we live by sense rather than faith. But the worth of a soldier is never known in times of peace.

A.W. TOZER It is doubtful that God can use anyone greatly until He has hurt him deeply.

8th Trials enable you to _____ others in their trials

Luke 22:31–32 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.

James 1:5-8 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

#1 Ask for wisdom from your giving God, _____ 5

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him

James 3:17 ...the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

#2 Ask your God with the right attitude, _____ 6

Hebrews 11:6a Without faith, it is impossible to please Him

6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

Matthew 14:31 You of little faith, why did you doubt?

#3 Ask your God with the right relationship, _____ 7-8

7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, **8** being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1 Kings 18:21 How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him

Revelation 3:16 lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

Matthew 13:20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21** yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

TAKE HOME:

A. C _____ -

B. C _____ -

Joshua 24:15 Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve – As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

C. C _____ -

D. C _____ -

E. C _____ -

James 1:5 let him ask of God and **James 1:7** from the Lord

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What is the typical response of the non-Christian to trials?
2. How do Christians respond poorly to trials and how do they justify their bad responses?
3. Why should believers ask God for wisdom during trials?
4. What are the conditions God requires in the process of asking for wisdom? Explain each one clearly and practically.
5. What steps do you need to take in order to change the way you respond to trials?
6. What steps can you take this week in order to ask God for wisdom in the process of going through trials?



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