

**The Book of James –
Achieving Maturity & Gaining Wisdom**
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Scripture: James 1:2-11

James 1:2-3

“brethren” = “brothers and sisters” = “family”

“pure joy” or “all joy” = “the totality of, while also appreciating each part

There are 2 elements to the word “trial”...

1. _____

2. _____

- Maintain a godly _____

James 1:4

Are the trials we face...

- _____ **us**
(breaking us down)
- **or** _____ **us**
(adding boldness and richness to our character)

James 1:5

As a child of God, as a member of His eternal family, we have every right to ask and expect God to _____.

Read: 2 Chronicles 1:12

James 1:6-8

There is nothing _____ about choosing to “love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength.”

Read: Deut. 6:5, Matt. 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27

James 1:9-11

There are two elements to Biblical humiliation...

- **you can choose humility**
- **or you can be humbled by God**

James is saying: “Maintain a godly perspective, no matter your circumstances. Allow trials to grow you, strengthen your character and spirit whether you’re poor or rich. For no matter your circumstance, it’s fleeting. Therefore, be heavenly-minded; take pride and be joyful in your eternal inheritance.”

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18