



Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: JAMES 1:1-8, 12

TITLE: ENDURANCE: I AM IN IT TO WIN IT

INTRODUCTION

- A. Endurance – The goal is to win _____
- B. We must endure hardship _____
 - 1. The hardship is on us. However, it cannot stop us
 - 2. **2 Timothy 2:12a**, *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him*
 - 3. **Revelation 3:21**, *To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne*
- C. We press on under pressure _____
 - 1. The pressure is on us. However, we are not under pressure
 - 2. **2 Thessalonians 2:14**, *...that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*
 - 3. **Romans 8:17**, *...if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together [with Him]*
- D. How? _____

PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING

- A. Count it all joy when you fall into various trials _____
 - 1. The testing of your faith produces patience [endurance]
 - 2. But let patience have *its* perfect work
 - 3. That you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking nothing
- B. The process for becoming a mature and complete Christian _____
- C. Do we desire to be mature and complete Christians? _____
- D. Are we willing to joyfully face the trials that come our way? _____
- E. How? _____

WISDOM

- A. Question #1: Do you lack wisdom? _____
- B. Question #2: Do you want wisdom? _____
 - 1. Ask God
 - 2. Who gives to all liberally and without reproach (generously and graciously)
- C. Question #3” How do you ask for wisdom? _____
 - 1. Ask in faith
 - 2. Without doubting
 - a. The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
 - b. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord
 - c. Because that person is double-minded [undecided], unstable [confused]

ENDURANCE IS REWARDED

- A. Blessed are you when you endure temptation _____
- B. When you are approved, you will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. __
 - 1. Approved = *dokimos* = accepted, tried as metals by fire and thus purified
 - 2. Crown of life