

Faith and Endurance: Count it All Joy

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James 1:2-8- *“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

James is saying that the way to respond to difficulties such as persecution is to actually be _____ about them.

James gives us six reasons we can count it all _____ in enduring _____:

- 1. The Christian can be joyful in trials because we understand how God is using them to produce _____.**
 - **‘hupomene: perseverance and endurance**
- 2. Christians can be joyful in trials because it drives them to seek God for _____.**
- 3. Christians can count it all joy in that trials show us the _____ of our lives.**
 - **Believers are not to determine the value of their lives by their _____ status but their _____ status.**
- 4. Christians can count it all joy because trials are _____ by God to _____ us of the future.**
- 5. Christians can count it all joy in trial because it makes us face the responsibility of our own _____.**
- 6. Christians can count it all joy in trials because they make us aware of the _____ of God.**

Fill-in-the-blank answers: happy, joy, trials, Godly, character, wisdom, real, estimation, outward, inward, used, approve, temptation, goodness.