

# **Wisdom For The** **Trials of Life**

**James 1:1-12**

1) It helps us to discover  
the source of our trials:

2) Sometimes the source  
of our trials is  
persecution from others:

3) Another source of our trials is the fact that we live in a fallen world:

4) Sometimes God sends  
the trials Himself:

Lamentations 3:7, 28, and 32-33

Again, James gives us  
great insight to the  
question why?

1) God allows trials in order to test our faith:

Hebrews 11:1; *“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.”* (NLT)

1 Peter 1:6-7; *“In this you greatly rejoice...you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*



2) God allows trials to measure the depth of our devotion to Christ:

3) God allows trials in order to purify our lives:

4) Trials are God's way of reminding us of His sustaining power:

Lamentations 3:19-25 and 32-33

5) Trials are God's way of producing Christ-like character in us:

6) Trials serve as a way to equip us for service in the kingdom:

2 Cor. 1:3-4; *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*