

A New Perspective On Problems

Series: Summer Gains

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.” James 1:2-6 (NIV)

Four “Facts Of Life” You Need To Know

“Consider it pure joy ... because you know ...”

1. Problems Are _____

“... whenever you face trials ...”

2. Problems Are _____

“... whenever you face trials ...”

3. Problems Are _____

“... trials of many kinds ...”

4. Problems Are _____

“Realize that they come ... to produce in you...” (Phillips)

Three Purposes Of Problems (vs. 3-4)

• **Problems Purify My _____**

“You know that the testing of your faith...”

• **Problems Fortify My _____**

“... the testing ... develops perseverance...”

• **Problems Sanctify My _____**

“... so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything!”

How To Handle Your Problems

1. _____

“Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials...” (vs. 1)

“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. _____

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” (vs. 5)

3. _____

“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ...” (vs.6)

The Fantastic Result

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial. When he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.” James 1:12