

When Trials Turn Deadly



12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

(James 1:12-15)

"God's Work Through Adversity" (Part 1)

James 1:2-18

Critical Concept: Keeping a future focus on the good work of God in the life of a believer helps them navigate the adversities of life, but the distraction of present desires is always lurking, trying to entice the believer to give in to desires and to walk away from God's will.

I. Remember: *God uses Adversity for our Growth.*

A. God's goal is our maturity.

B. God calls us to trust Him.

II. Adversity Gone Awry.

III. The Enticement of Desire.

A. The powerful pull of desire.

B. The pitiful progression of temptation.

C. A warning for all believers.

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)