

## The Testing of Character

**“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,” - James 1:2**

The Author

- + James was the brother of Jesus.
- + His primary theme is that it is not enough to be a Christian, if this fact does not show in one's Conduct.

James 1:2

- + The word encounter is actually, “Fall Into”.
- + Luke 10:30 - “Jesus replied and said, ‘A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers,’
- + Acts 27:41 - “But striking a reef where tow seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow struck fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves.”
- + The word “Various” does not necessarily refer to the Number of trials but to the Diversity of the trials.”
- + “Consider it all Joy”

James 1:3

- + The word “Produces” or “Worketh” pictures it as a Continuing process.
- + The result of the work of trials is Endurance.
- + An example is the Athlete.

James 1:4

- + Take note that Christian maturity and character comes not as a result of the Number of trials encountered, but the Way in which those trials are Met.
- + The outcome is a “Perfect Result” which is a Mature, Giant faith Christian.
- + ”Lacking in Nothing” could better be translated, “in Nothing being Left Behind.”