

PASSING THE TEST

JAMES 1:12-15

James is saying, "When God puts pressure on you to mold you into a greater degree of his likeness, don't cut that process short, but let that molding be completed for it is to your _____."

James 1:12 is important for it spells out for us the blessing that _____ ours if we pass the test.

I. PASSING THE TEST REQUIRES YOUR ENDURANCE

There is no blessing in being tested or pressured or suffering, _____ we patiently endure those circumstances. "**Blessed is the man who endures trials.**"

Verses 4 & 12 tell us that it is patience or endurance that produces _____ in our lives as we are watered by the showers of afflictions.

II. PASSING THE TEST BRINGS GOD'S BLESSING

Misery in trials comes when they are _____.

When we let hard things that come into our lives turn us bitter and angry and away from the Lord, doesn't that give us a clue that we may not really _____?

Trials cannot take away the _____ of the Christian who truly trusts Christ.

III. PASSING THE TEST PROVES YOUR SALVATION

Verse 12 must have a meaning something like this, "When your faith _____, you will receive the crown of life."

It's not suffering or trials in this life that brings eternal life but it is that trials prove the _____ of our faith. They prove that we really trust Jesus for everything in life and it is that faith that leads to _____.

The heat of trials in our life tends to separate the impurities from the _____, and those trials will show what we are really made out of.

Trust him for a faith that is genuine and will _____
_____, no matter what life brings your way.