A Faith That Works Series
“The Trials of Too Much or Too Little Money”
James 1:9-12
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A. As we come to the verses we want to examine today, we notice that James addresses the trials that come from having too much or too little _______.

B. For us to be persevere in our trials, we must adopt God’s eternal perspective on _______ and _______.

C. Which category are you in: _______ or _______?

D. How ____________ are you?

E. How _____ are Americans compared to the rest of the _________?

F. From a _______ perspective, _______ rich and so are _______.

G. James is going to help us see a contrast between the _______ and the _______.

H. Basically what James says is that the poor are _____ and the rich are _____.

I. It would be wrong to assume that the Bible automatically identifies the poor as being ____________ and the rich as being ____________.

J. Wealth can be a blessing on the _______ (Prov. 3:16; 10:4; 14:23-24).

K. The Bible warns about the _______ of money (1 Tim. 6:9-10).

L. The Bible shows that poverty can be a _______ _______ (Prov. 13:8, 18; 30:7-9; 19:1; 28:6, 11).

M. James directs the poor man to glory in his _______ position, which refers to his _________ wealth in Christ (Eph. 2:6; 1 Cor. 3:21-22; Rom. 8:17).

N. We can boast or _______ in the Lord, in order to bring _______ to Him (1 Cor. 1:26-31).

O. When James turns his attention to the rich, there is a question about whether the rich are _______ or _______.

P. I believe James is speaking to both kind of Christians, rich and poor, and helping them to see that both poverty and wealth are _______ of _______.

Q. The poor man is tempted to devote himself to the _________ _______.

R. The rich man is tempted to _______ in his _________.

S. How can we glory in our humiliation?
   1. We can glory in the fact that God has opened our eyes to see the vanity of worldly _________ and _________.
   2. We can glory in the fact that God has shown us the essence of true _______ and _______.
   3. We can glory in the fact that we now have an _______ _______.

T. James concludes that both rich and poor who persevere under trial should look forward to the _______ of life that God has promised to those who ______ Him.

U. In the end, both poverty and riches are _______ of our _______.

V. _______ is not the exclusive temptation of the _______.

W. Both the rich and the poor are prone to _______.

X. Paul’s advice: “Set your _______ on things _______” (Col. 3:1-4).