

Steadfast Faith

Remaining Steadfast in Trying or
Not So Trying Times

James 1



Psalm 116: 8 -11
(RSV)

“For thou has delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
I walk before the Lord in the land of the
living.

I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
I said in my consternation,
“Men are all a vain hope.”



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Overview

- I. Positive Response
- II. Obedience to God
- III. An Attitude of Expectancy
- IV. Continuous Transformation



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James 1: 2 – 4

“Consider it all joy my brethren when you encounter various trials,

Knowing that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”



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I. Positive Response

John 16:33

Positive Example

Matthew 11:25

Negative Example

Numbers 13



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James 1: 5-8

“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.

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double minded man, unstable in all he does.”



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I. Obedience to God

Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom

Proverbs 1:20, 23-28, 32-33

Benefits of Wisdom

Proverbs 2: 1-8

Obedience Doesn't Always Make Sense

Proverbs 14:12



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I. Obedience to God

ILLUSTRATION: Joshua 6: 2 -5

Example:

Proverbs 3:3 -9

Walking In Wisdom

Acts 15:28



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I. An Attitude of Expectancy

James 1:12

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”



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I. An Attitude of Expectancy

Our Image of God Impacts Our Faith In God

James 1:16 -17

John 14:8-9

Acts 10:17



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I. Continuous Transformation

James 1:21 – 25

v. 21 (NAS) “...receive the word implanted,
which is able to save your souls.

Souls = Mind

