

Faithful Under Trials

James 1:12

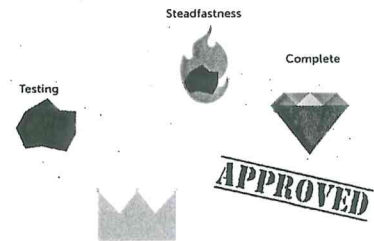
I. Remaining Steadfast In Hard Times Brings _____ From God (12a)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial

• What are these blessings?

- Joy (v. 2)
- Steadfastness (v. 3)
- Maturity (v. 4)
- Completeness (v. 4)
- Wisdom (v. 5)
- Faith (vv. 6-8)
- Exaltation (vv. 9-11)

Testing Your Faith



II. Remaining Steadfast In Hard Times Is A _____ Of Character (12b)

for when he has stood the test

III. Remaining Steadfast In Hard Times Is _____ Now And Forever (12c; cf. Rev 2:10)

he will receive the crown of life,

Proverbs 4:9 She [Wisdom] will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

Proverbs 16:31 Gray hair is a crown of **glory**; it is gained in a **righteous** life.

Isaiah 62:3 You shall be a crown of **beauty** in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

IV. Remaining Steadfast In Hard Times Is Evidence Of Our _____ For God (12d)

which God has promised to those who love him.

Conclusions:

1. Expect a life of testing.
2. Endure the tests with a deepening love for God.
3. Enjoy the reward of the quality of life we have with God.

Discussion Questions:

1. In your most recent trial, what aspects of your faith in Him is/was God testing?
2. More than just getting a trial over with, how can we deepen our love for Him through trials?
3. How is life with God rewarding in and of itself?