

JAMES: LIFE MATTERS
Week Two—"A Tough Teacher"
James 1:2-12

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIANS
LIVING IN A STRESSFUL WORLD:

1. Realize some trouble is _____.

James 1:2-4; John 16:33

2. Most trouble _____.

Trials versus Tests:

A. Trials refer to the difficult circumstances of life.

B. A test has to do with our spiritual response to trials

James 1:3,4; Gal. 6:4; Matt. 4:7; Genesis 22:1; James 1:12

1. _____ always come in some form or another, but how we respond to them determines how we grow spiritually and whether we _____ the _____.

2. God cares more about our _____ than our _____.

3. Understanding how to pass spiritual tests requires _____ and that requires _____.

James 1:5-8

4. Remember all human circumstances are _____.

James 1:9-11, 12

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-8

Suffering is _____...Misery is _____.

Trials are _____...Allowing them to bring us closer to God is our _____.