

## **James: We Formulate a Plan and Follow the Process**

### **Topics in James:**

Wisdom, Money, The Tongue, Faith and Works, End Times, Faith Life

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★ **Brethren** = United to another by the bond of affection. Christians, as those who are exalted to the same heavenly place. Also means brothers by blood (not meaning biological brother) - Brothers in the blood of Jesus

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**Philippians 3:8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

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### **What gets in the way of *letting* the process work through?**

1. Faulty God image about the process
  2. White knuckling it through the process
  3. Not understanding the purpose of the process
  4. Not understanding the end of the process
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★ **Completeness** = Complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, whole, free from sin, faultless, complete in all respects

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*“According to James 1:3-4, trials produce endurance, spiritual maturity, and inner peace, so we are completely developed in our faith, lacking nothing. These are all character traits that Jesus displayed and that we should deeply desire.”* Joyce Meyer Commentary on James

*“The proper attitude in meeting adversity is to count it all joy, which is not an emotional reaction but a deliberate, intelligent appraisal of the situation from God’s perspective, viewing trials as a means of moral and spiritual growth. We do not rejoice in the trials themselves, but in their possible results. Testing carries the idea of proving genuineness. Trials serve as a discipline to purge faith of dross, stripping away what is false. Patience is not a passive resignation to adverse circumstances, but a positive steadfastness that bravely endures.”* New Spirit Filled Life Bible