



**God's end goal is glory
(He alone is worthy of
being glorified)**

**Part of the progressive
sanctification process is points
of friction that help to remove
and smooth off rough edges**



When those hardships and difficulties come, how are followers of Christ supposed to react and respond?

James 1:5-12



**When you face various trials,
you will **lack wisdom** on how
to properly handle that trial**





PERSEVERING WISDOM



James 1:5

**“Wisdom” = what do you do
with what you know;
it’s applied knowledge;
it’s implemented information**



**Our biggest problem is taking
what we **know** and putting
action steps to that
knowledge (we have a
wisdom problem)**

James 4:17



God's imploring us to **never
attempt to handle those
trials in our **own strength**
(we lack wisdom)**



**Humbling ourselves and asking
God for **wisdom** is attached to a
wonderful **promise** from God
(James 1:5)**

God wants to **generously (in
abundance) give you wisdom
James 1:6-8**



What these verses are saying is when we doubt, we're like **human buoys; untethered to anything secure**

Jesus anchors us upon the **Solid Rock of absolute truth (it grounds us and attaches us to Jesus)**

James 1:8



**Prayers that are laced with doubt
(where we're NOT fully trusting God
to either hear our prayers or to
answer them) is revealing
(it shows a faith that's attached
to an insufficient and inadequate
imaginary 'god')**

James 1:2-3



**The end result of
encountering various trials is
that it produces endurance –
those trials test and prove
our faith**



Here's the thing about praying for wisdom, it means **regardless of the **outcome** to our trials, we're trusting in our Savior and that brings **unexplained peace****

James 1:9-11



**“Humble Circumstances” =
we’re poor in **worldly**
resources**

**True contentment is found
in **magnifying** and **glorifying**
Jesus Christ our Savior!!!**



**“Humiliation” = to be made low
(the context seems to point to
the reason for this humiliation
as being because of trials)**



**We're to boast ONLY in
Jesus Christ (regardless of our
material possessions)
our joy is based on Christ,
NOT our trials**

James 1:12



**“Crown of Life” = speaks to an
eternity with God in Heaven**

