

“That You May be Perfect”

Intro: God, the Perfect _____, in His divine plan has chosen to take an imperfect people (you and me) and conform them into the perfect image of His Perfect _____!

A. Dear church, let it be known, it takes a Master's _____ to make that which is inherently imperfect, perfect!

James 1:1-4

I. We must _____ it all _____ when we face various trials.

A. We can and must consider it all joy when we face various trials for _____ that God uses the trial to test, try, and temper our faith thus producing the quality of _____ in us.

1. And as the scriptures teach, “ the one who endures to the end, he shall be _____ ” (Matt. 24:13).

2. God is _____, for in His saving and keeping mercy He employs the trials of our life to work the good quality of endurance in us.

II. We are to _____ endurance have its perfect _____!

A. Until we _____ the truth that God uses various trials to produce endurance in us, we will resist the very work of God.

1. We must embrace the truth of verses 2 & 3 that we may come to _____ verse 4, _____ endurance have its perfect result.

B. God desires endurance for us that we may be _____.

1. “Perfect” here carries the idea of having _____ the goal, being finished, coming to full term. It refers to being in the faith.

C. God desires endurance for us that we may be perfect and _____.

1. “Complete” here means to be “ _____, entire, having all its parts.”

2. The one who is mature and whole is _____ in nothing!

1 Peter 5:6-11, 6 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of _____, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.
8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
9 But resist him, _____ in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.
10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all _____, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself _____, confirm, strengthen and establish you.
11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

III. _____ examples that illustrate the way God works through trials.

- A. God uses trials to _____ our own spiritual condition to us.
- B. Trials are useful in teaching us of our _____ upon God for godly qualities.
- C. The trials are useful in teaching us to look to the _____ of our salvation.
- D. Trials are useful in preparing us for _____.
 - 1. Through the enduring of trials, we are made mature and complete in the graces of God, being made _____ who are able to comfort others in their afflictions with the same comfort with which _____ has comforted us.

This truth should cause us to view the trials we face in a heavenly manner.
Not as something to be avoided, nor as an attack of the enemy,
but as that which the Father intends for good
- to the _____ of _____ people.

Armed with this _____, we can consider it all joy for we _____ there is an abundance of good that God is working in us as we encounter the trials of life.

_____ that we “let endurance have its perfect result,
that we may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

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