THE QUESTION

What does James 1:2–11 teach about trials, patience, wisdom and doubt?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The early writers saw trials as God's testing and training, not His pushing us into sin. Testing builds patience, and patience brings faith to maturity, though full perfection belongs to the end of life. Divine wisdom is God's gift to those who ask, while doubt leaves a person open to being led astray.

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God's trials train us; the devil's drag us

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Dionysius explains the difference between being tried and falling into temptation. A person who resists and endures is tested but not overcome. The devil pulls people toward ruin, while God leads them by the hand to train them for salvation.

1

"But if a person resists and endures, that person is indeed tempted, but he has not entered into temptation or fallen into it."

later in the same passage

"Therefore, the devil drives us forward by force, pulling us toward destruction. But God leads us by the hand, training us for our salvation."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Alexandria,** **Source 25, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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No believer escapes trials in this life

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Dionysius says no one can live without any experience of evil, and that this world is especially painful for the saints. Even Christ did not pray to have no trial at all, only not to enter into temptation.

2

"For in the broadest sense, it seems impossible for any person to live with no experience of evil at all."

later in the same passage

"And this world is especially a place of pain for the saints."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Dionysius of Alexandria,** **Source 24, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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God tests faith to prove our love

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Cyprian gathers Scriptures showing that God tests His people to reveal whether they love Him with their whole heart. Like a furnace testing a clay pot, affliction proves the righteous. Irenaeus adds that our freedom itself is a means of testing faith.

3 “In Deuteronomy it says, “The Lord your God is testing you, so that He may know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”””

later in the same passage

“Again, Solomon says, “The furnace tests the potter’s vessel, and the trial of affliction tests righteous men.”””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 30, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**

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4 “For this reason, Peter says, “that we have not freedom as a cloak of maliciousness,” but as a means of testing and proving faith.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 8, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**

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Faith comes first, then patience completes it

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Cyprian quotes Paul that tribulation produces patience. He teaches that being a Christian rests on faith and hope, but faith and hope need patience to reach their goal. So faith begins, and patience carries it through to the end.

5 “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces patience, and patience experience, and experience hope.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 30, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**

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6 “For the very fact that we are Christians is the substance of faith and hope. But for that hope and faith to attain their result, there is need of patience.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 31, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Patience brings good works to perfection

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Cyprian says nothing we do reaches perfection without patience, and that patience strengthens the foundations of faith. Hermas likewise says patience lives with those whose faith is complete, and describes it as calm and joyful.

7 “Nothing in our actions can help bring praise to perfection unless it receives the substance of its perfection from patience.”

later in the same passage

“It is patience that strongly strengthens the foundations of our faith.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 29, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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8 “Now this patience dwells with those who have complete faith.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Full perfection is reached only at the end

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Clement says believers can be perfect in a certain virtue, but no one but Christ is perfect in everything while still in the flesh. Ignatius, close to martyrdom, says he is still far from perfection and urges strength in Christ's patience.

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9 “But I know no human being who is perfect in all things at once while still human, even according to the mere letter of the law, except Him alone who for us clothed Himself with humanity.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.21 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 11, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “For even I, not because I am in chains and can know heavenly things and the places of angels and the stations of the powers that are seen and not seen, am on this account a disciple; for I am far from the perfection that is worthy of God. Be perfectly strong in the patience of Jesus Christ our God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle to the Romans* 9 (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 5, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Ask God for divine, not worldly, wisdom

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Origen separates the wisdom of the world from divine wisdom, which comes by God's grace. Hippolytus says that seeking God's will is asking for wisdom. Barnabas prays that God would give believers wisdom and understanding together with patience.

11 “But divine wisdom, being different from human wisdom because it is divine, comes through the grace of God, who gives it to those who have shown that they are able to receive it.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 13 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 20, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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12 “The person who seeks to know the will of God is asking about wisdom.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 18, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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13 “And may God, who rules over the whole world, give you wisdom, intelligence, understanding, and knowledge of His judgments, with patience.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Barnabas,** *Epistle of Barnabas* (c. 70–132 AD) **Source 2, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Doubters are easily led astray

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Hermas warns that false prophets and evil spirits ruin the doubting, not the faithful. Those strong in faith stay away from such spirits, while the doubtful are turned aside, which helps explain why James is so hard on doubt.

14 “It is the doubters, not the faithful, that he ruins.”

later in the same passage

“As many, then, as are strong in the faith of the Lord and are clothed with truth have no connection with such spirits, but keep away from them.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) *THF's updated English* **Source 3, page 7** Read it in the library ›

15 “It is the thoughtless and doubting that it turns away.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hermas,** *Shepherd* (c. 90–150 AD) *THF's updated English* **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain who the lowly brother and the rich are in James 1:9–11.
- They do not say which specific trials James's first readers were facing.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 36 early Christian passages and 199 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–36, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 37–112, in Bible order), then 123 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public

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domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *36 passages from 14 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 4) "and patience, then, are helpers of our faith… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English) **Quote 13, page 5** "may God, who ruleth over all the world, give to you wisdom, intelligence, understanding, knowledge of His judgments, with patience… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Shepherd* **Quote 14, page 6** a spirit, having the power of Divinity, speaks all things of itself, because it proceeds from above, from the power of the Divine Spirit. But the spirit that is asked… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Shepherd* **Quotes 8, 15, pages 4, 6** "this patience dwells with those who have complete faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 5*

5 *Epistle to the Romans* 9 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 5** "I am far short of the perfection which is worthy of God.] Be ye perfectly strong in the patience of Jesus Christ our God… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 6*

6 *To Autolycus* 36 (1885 English; on point 7) "wise, and treasure wisdom in your breasts… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 7–8*

7 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English; on point 6) "may your spirit, and soul, and body be preserved whole without complaint to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." Now what was his object in praying that these three… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "for this reason Peter says "that we have not liberty as a cloak of maliciousness," but as the means of testing and evidencing faith… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 9–13*

9 *Stromata* 2.6 (1885 English; on point 4) "and patience are then helpers of your faith… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Stromata* 4.20 (on point 3) "the trial of your faith, being much more precious than that of gold which perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Stromata* 4.21 **Quote 9, page 5** for repentance. For you sorrowed in a godly way, so that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be regretted… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Instructor* 1.6 (1885 English; on point 6) "we call that perfect which wants nothing… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 10 (1885 English; on point 6) "nothing is more perfect than what is perfect… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Against Marcion* 15 (1885 English; on point 7) "Kings 3:5-13 But with respect to this man, since, when a choice was left to him, he preferred asking for what he knew to be well-pleasing to… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *On Patience* 12 (on point 5) "whose teaching but that of Patience is Charity trained? Charity is the highest sacrament of the faith, the treasure-house of the Christian name, which the apostle commends with the… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *On Patience* 6 (1885 English; on point 4) "it is patience which is both subsequent and antecedent to faith… [continues online] **read ›**

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Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 17–19*

17 *Exegetical Fragments* (1885 English; on point 7) “a song of psalmody, when, while good action takes the lead, according to the word, If you desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto you… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 12, page 5** “asks of wisdom, who seeks to know what is the will of God… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “know wisdom and instruction. He who knows the wisdom of God, receives from Him also instruction, and learns by it the mysteries of the Word… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 20–22*

20 *Against Celsus* 13 (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “9:6 We maintain, indeed, that human wisdom is an exercise for the soul, but that divine wisdom is the end, being also termed the strong meat of the soul… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Commentary on Matthew* 10 (1885 English; on point 6) “If any one be perfect in righteousness, and in the rest of virtues, and the righteousness and the rest of the virtues that are from You be wanting to him… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Against Celsus* 47 (1885 English; on point 7) “that in busying themselves about things of sense alone, and regarding these as all-important, they are wise men of the world: for as there are in existence a multitude… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · sources 23–26*

23 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) “He wills to give us good exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** “Lord Himself, moreover, tempted (tried) the disciples… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 **Quote 1, page 2** “that is, tried, the disciples. In this way, when the wicked one tempts us, he draws us into temptations, because he himself deals in evil temptations. But when God tempts… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “the wisdom which God has given, but that wisdom of which Paul says, The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 27–28*

27 *Metaphrase of Ecclesiastes* 2 (1885 English; on point 7) “wisdom and folly, are widely separated, and they are as different from each other as day is from night… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 1) “was tempted in the wilderness, not as giving way, however, to temptation, but as putting our temptations before Himself on the challenge of the tempter, in order to show the… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 29–33*

29 *Treatises* **Quote 7, page 4** “wrong us; and if you yourself do wrong, to ask for pardon long and earnestly. It stands against temptations, endures persecutions, and brings passions and martyrdoms to perfection. It is… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quotes 3, 5, page 3** “that tribulation works patience, and patience experience, and experience hope… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “8:24-25 Therefore, waiting and patience are needful, that we may fulfil that which we have begun to be, and may receive that which we believe and hope for… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 5) “you accomplish these things unless you maintain the steadfastness of patience and endurance… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 5) “in conversation; steadfastness in faith; modesty in words… [continues online] **read ›**

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Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 34*

34 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 1) “3:1 and he oftentimes sought to sift us, that our faith might fail… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 35–36*

35 *Divine Institutes* 15 (1885 English; on point 7) “that earthly wisdom, since it is false, becomes varied and manifold, and altogether opposed to itself… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Divine Institutes* 18 (1885 English; on point 5) “it is impossible that He in whom is perfect excellence should not also be of perfect patience… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *76 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

37 **Genesis 49:18** waiting for the salvation of the Lord. **read ›**

38 **Exodus 17:7** He called the name of that place Temptation and Reviling, because of the reviling of the children of Israel and because they tempted the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” **read ›**

39 **Deuteronomy 6:16** You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted him at Temptation. **read ›**

40 **Deuteronomy 18:13** You shall be perfect before the Lord your God. **read ›**

41 **Deuteronomy 29:3** the great trials that your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders. **read ›**

42 **2 Samuel 22:26** With the holy you will be holy, and with the perfect man you will be perfect; **read ›**

43 **Job 11:6** Then he will declare to you the power of wisdom, for it will be double what you have; and then you will know that what you deserve for the sins you have committed has come to you from the Lord. **read ›**

44 **Proverbs 2:6** For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his face come knowledge and understanding, **read ›**

45 **Proverbs 3:13** Blessed is the man who has found wisdom, and the mortal who has seen sound judgment. **read ›**

46 **Song of Solomon 2:11** For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over, it has gone its way. **read ›**

47 **Isaiah 2:2** For in the last days the mountain of the Lord shall be manifest, and the house of God shall be on the top of the mountains, and it shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall come to it. **read ›**

48 **Isaiah 9:8** The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel. (Septuagint Isaiah 9:7 (Isaiah 9:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Isaiah 13:15** For whoever is caught will be overcome, and those who are gathered together will fall by the sword. **read ›**

50 **Jeremiah 26:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

51 **Ezekiel 10:13** And these wheels were called Gelgel in my hearing. **read ›**

52 **Ezekiel 11:6** You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled their streets with the slain. **read ›**

53 **Ezekiel 17:9** Therefore say: Thus says the Lord: Will it prosper? Shall not the roots of its tenderness and its fruit rot? And all its early shoots shall wither — and not by a great arm nor by many people — so as to tear it up from its roots. **read ›**

54 **Ezekiel 22:3** and you shall say: Thus says the Lord God: O city that sheds blood in her midst, so that her time may come, and that makes inventions against herself, to defile herself! **read ›**

55 **Ezekiel 22:21** and I will blow upon you with the fire of my anger, and you shall be melted in the midst of it. **read ›**

56 **Ezekiel 28:20** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying: **read ›**

57 **Daniel 2:6** But if you make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Only tell me the dream and its interpretation.” **read ›**

58 **Daniel 9:10** and we have not listened to the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by the hands of his slaves the prophets. **read ›**

59 **Amos 1:3** And the Lord said: For three ungodly deeds of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away from him, because they sawed the women with child of those in Gilead with iron saws. **read ›**

60 **Amos 1:6** Thus says the Lord: For three ungodly deeds of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away from them, because they took captive the captivity of Solomon, to shut them up in Idumea. **read ›**

61 **Amos 3:5** Will a bird fall to the earth without a bird-catcher? Will a trap spring up from the earth without having caught something? **read ›**

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62 **Amos 4:13** For behold, I am he who makes the thunder firm and creates the wind, and proclaims to men his Christ, who makes the dawn and the mist, and treads upon the high places of the earth: the Lord God Almighty is his name. **read ›**

63 **Amos 7:7** Thus the Lord showed me: and behold, he was standing upon a wall of steel, and in his hand was steel. **read ›**

64 **Amos 8:1** And behold, a bird-catcher's basket. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:3** For crooked thoughts separate from God, and his power, when it is tested, convicts the foolish. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:6** For wisdom is a spirit that loves mankind, and she will not hold a blasphemer innocent for what his lips say; for God is witness of his kidneys, and a true overseer of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:19** Let us examine him with insult and torture, that we may know his gentleness, and prove his patient endurance of wrong. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:5** And having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, for God tested them and found them worthy of himself. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:13** Made perfect in a short time, he fulfilled long years; **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:19** and incorruption brings one near to God; **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:7** Therefore I prayed, and sound judgment was given me; I called out, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:22** for wisdom, the craftsman of all things, taught me. For in her is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, of many parts, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, unhindered, beneficent, **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:1** She reaches mightily from one end to the other, and she governs all things well. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Solomon 9:17** Who has known your counsel, unless you gave wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:3** For to know you is complete righteousness, and to know your power is the root of immortality. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:1** My child, if you come forward to serve the Lord God, prepare your soul for testing. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:2** Set your heart straight and endure, and do not be hasty in the time of calamity. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:5** For gold is tested in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:14** Woe to you who have lost your endurance! And what will you do when the Lord visits? **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:10** Be firmly fixed in your understanding, and let your word be one and the same. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:23** Gain the trust of your neighbor in his poverty, so that you may be filled together with him in his good things; stand by him in a time of trouble, so that you may share his inheritance with him. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 34:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:33** All the works of the Lord are good, and he will supply every need in its hour. **read ›**

85 **Baruch 3:14** Learn where sound judgment is, where strength is, where understanding is, so that you may also know where length of days is, and life, where the light of the eyes is, and peace. **read ›**

86 **1 Maccabees 2:52** Was not Abraham found faithful in trial, and it was counted to him for righteousness? **read ›**

87 **2 Maccabees 9:20** If you and your children are well and your own affairs are as you wish, I give the greatest thanks to God, having my hope in heaven. **read ›**

88 **3 Maccabees 2:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **4 Maccabees 9:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **4 Maccabees 13:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **4 Maccabees 15:17** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 42:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 49:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **Matthew 5:48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. **read ›**

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95 **Romans 5:4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; **read ›**

96 **1 Corinthians 13:10** but when that which is complete has come, then that which is partial will be done away with. **read ›**

97 **Philippians 3:15** Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal this also to you. **read ›**

98 **Colossians 2:10** and you have been made full in him, who is the head of every principality and power. **read ›**

99 **2 Timothy 3:17** so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. **read ›**

100 **Hebrews 6:12** so that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faithfulness and patience inherit the promises. **read ›**

101 **Hebrews 10:36** For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. **read ›**

102 **James 1:2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, **read ›**

103 **James 1:3** knowing that the testing of your faithfulness produces endurance. **read ›**

104 **James 1:4** Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **read ›**

105 **James 1:5** But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **read ›**

106 **James 1:12** Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord promised to those who love him. **read ›**

107 **James 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show his works by good conduct in the meekness of wisdom. **read ›**

108 **James 3:15** This wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. **read ›**

109 **James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. **read ›**

110 **James 5:11** Behold, we call those who endure blessed. You have heard of Job’s endurance; see the outcome the Lord brought about, for he is full of tender compassion and merciful. **read ›**

111 **1 Peter 1:7** so that the tested genuineness of your faithfulness, much more precious than gold that perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

112 **Revelation 14:12** Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and faithfulness to Jesus.” **read ›**

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