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Title: **TRIALS IN LIFE**

TEXT: **JAMES 1: 2-4**

Introduction: Our Lord Jesus Christ in *John 16:33*, "These things....that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." *kjv* Difficulties, hardships and trials are bound to come so long we live in this earthen vessel. There'll always be real life challenges that will want to squeeze out faith from our life. And, if there are no trials in your Christian life, then evaluate yourself properly if you're still in the will of God as His legitimate child.

What Is Trials? *Trials are unpleasant, undesirable circumstances that confronts and surround our daily living. They're sometimes bitter experiences that make us cry all through the night, wetting pillows. They're times of dejection or rejection by friends, society and family members.*

They're antidotes to Excellency! So don't yield to them rather overcome them. Also any abundant rise in your Christian life without trials/temptations may not learn humility to praise God.

Why Do We Face Trials As Children Of God?

a) *Every instrument that will be crowned with glory must be tested/ proven with the durability test. God can't use any man he doesn't have confidence in. Gold sparkles its' beauty after being purified by fire. **JOB 23:10.***

b) *Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did not start or fulfill his earthly ministry without trials. **LUKE 4:1-13.** These three dimensions of Christ's temptation are evident to every one of us today. We're challenged in life in these areas:*

- a) *What we'll eat...vs. 3*
- b) *about popularity / fame....vs.5*
- c) *Contention about our son ship... Vs. 9b.*

Beloved, whatever be the trials you're passing through now don't give in, but persevere in all things to the end. Keep up that obedience, trust and faith in the one who has call you. In *Rev. 2:10* "Fear none of those things which thou shall suffer, behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be

tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life".

Many are backing out like those who followed Jesus as a result of His providence of fishes and breads, but when the reality of the Kingdom matters was spelt out they deserted him, He asked the disciples would you not also go?. Also in the book of Ruth Naomi asked her daughter in Laws to go back to their people but thank God Ruth knew the difference between the God of her mother in-law and that of her people, and she said to her, your people will be my people and your God will be my God! Our choice counts in the face of trials.

*Your faithful trust in Him in the days of trials will determines the reward you will receive from Him, b'cos after every temptation comes upliftment. **1 PETER 4: 12-14.** Your hatred to the world standard will bring trials, oppositions and persecution to you, but happy are you when He will be revealed.*

James 1:2-4 says" Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything". (NIV)

Friends, you'll agree with me that Christian values nowadays, are on the decline. Many of us no longer follow the landmark that Christ left for us rather we dance to the tone of this generation. In our trial times like the master let's persevere, and don't Compromise your faith, that our Lord may Reign.

*Don't backout, you have gone far into the truth than when you first believe **2Cor 4:17** encourage your hearth "for our present trouble are quite SMALL and wouldn't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever" (NLT)" b'cos these trials can not be measured to the glorious reward which the Lord will give the faithful at the end, **but let yours not be due to sin.** We're deep into the night, your day is breakingforth, so abide steadfastly to overcome the evils of the night.*

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life.*

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