



BLINDED BY PRIDE

There are things that keep us from recognizing our weaknesses, confessing our need and receiving God's blessing – and one of the biggest things that does just that is something called _____.

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."

I. Temptations and Trials Lead to _____

A. Joy is the attitude we should reflect in the face of trials.

1. Why does James need to tell us that joy is the appropriate attitude & response to the trials in our lives? Because it's not _____.

B. _____ through trials and testing results in maturity.

1. When we experience trying circumstances we have an opportunity to develop perseverance. The bible says, "The testing of your faith produces perseverance..."

2. When we persevere through a circumstance we enter into a maturing process. The bible says that "perseverance must finish its work." In other words, our goal through the experience of persevering is to become more mature in our faith.

When we persevere through a circumstance we enter into a maturing process where our faith matures and we learn that we're stronger than we think and that we can trust God.