

WE COUNT THEM BLESSED WHO ENDURE

(James 5:10-12)

- I. THE SALUTATION OF "JAMES" (1:1)
- II. TRIALS (1:2-12)
- III. TEMPTATIONS (1:13-18)
- IV. THE RECEIVING AND DOING OF GOD'S WORD (1:19-27)
- V. THE PROBLEM OF PARTIALITY (2:1-13)
- VI. THE PROBLEM OF NOT PRACTICING WHAT YOU BELIEVE (2:14-26)
- VII. THE PROBLEM OF NOT CONTROLLING THE TONGUE (3:1-12)
- VIII. THE PROBLEM OF WORDLY WISDOM (3:13-18)
- IX. THE PROBLEM OF WORLDLINESS (4:1-17)
- X. THE PROBLEM OF THE OPPRESIVE RICH (5:1-12)

* What characterizes someone who is blessed?

A. The BASIS for Endurance

* The **BASIS** for endurance is the _____ of our Lord's return (Phil 3:20)

Therefore...

1. You are to be _____
2. You are to _____ your heart
3. You are Not to _____ at one another

B. The ILLUSTRATIONS of Endurance

1. The objective of these illustrations is to _____ you to endure the testing and hardship you receive by _____ serving your Savior until He comes.

2. Illustration #1: the _____

* They are an example of _____ & _____

* Endurance is _____, which literally means to _____

* **Hupomone** portrays a picture of steadfastly and unflinchingly _____ under a heavy load and describes that quality of character which does not allow one to surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial.

* **Hupomone** portrays a picture of _____ and endurance with a _____ and the ability to focus on what is beyond the current pressures

* Hebrews 12:2; Hebrews 11:24-27; Hebrews 11:36-40; Phil 3:10-15

3. Enduring suffering results in _____

* Blessed is _____, which means that you are fully satisfied no matter the circumstances fully satisfied because of the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit, your supernatural Comforter.

* Principle to remember: **Suffering must be viewed as an opportunity to receive spiritual blessings, not as an excuse to compromise the faith before a hostile world**

4. Illustration #2: _____

* How was Job blessed through the enduring of his trial?

* 2 Corinthians 1:3-5; 1 Peter 5:10

* What does this mean to you?