

## **FAITH PRODUCING PATIENT ENDURANCE**

Our lesson title comes from the Greek word, hupomone. In **context**, it means to patiently endure during those times “when you (spiritually advancing believers) fall into or encounter various trials (undeserved suffering)” (Jms.1:2).

Hupomone is used twice in lesson text.

- When testing of one’s faith produces **patient endurance** (Jms.1:2-3)
- When testing of one’s **patient endurance** produces grace blessings (Jms.1:4)

Note the spiritual changes during undeserved suffering in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (patient endurance and joy).

**This lesson will study four aspects of the importance of faith in producing patient endurance, joy, and grace blessings through undeserved suffering.**

### **1. In our lesson text, James issued two commands.**

We will use them to divide the content of Faith Producing Patient Endurance.

- **First command is:** (Jms.1:2-3)
  - “**count or consider** (hegeomai/ **a.m.impv.2pl**) **it all joy**, my brethren, **when (hotan)** you encounter (periptoto/ a.a.subj 2pl) [fall into] various trials (peirasmos), **knowing** (ginosko/ p.a.ptc.nplm) **that** (hoti) the testing (dokimos) of your faith produces endurance (hupomone) [patient endurance].
  - Knowing the Categorical Bible Doctrine associated with faith (Rom.10:17) producing patient endurance and joy during undeserved suffering, i.e. The twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad.” (Jms.1:1).

(1 Pet.4:15) “But if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify in this name.”

- **Second command is:** (Jms.1:4)
  - “And let endurance **have** (echo/ **p.a.impv.3ps**) perfect (teleios) results (ergon) [work], **so that** (hina) [divine purpose] you may be (eimi/ p.a.subj 2pl) perfect (teleios) and complete (holokleros), lacking (leipo/ p.m. ptc nplm) in nothing.”

Did you note the divine rewards for **patiently enduring during undeserved suffering** by means of the faith cycle?

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2. **James commands us to count IT ALL (no matter the type or severity of undeserved suffering) JOY!**

**Choice:** Rather than gritting your teeth and trying to bear it or falling apart. This is JOY based on an occasion or cause based on the application of resident Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD).

**Note:** Chara [joy], chairō [rejoice], and charis [grace] are all inter-connected.

- Count it all and make the conclusion of joy (relaxed mental attitude based on grace orientation).

3. **As a pastor-teacher, James understands the importance of teaching his congregation Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD); and for his congregation to cycle this CBD by faith to their Christian way of life (CWL).**

(2 Pet.3:18) “But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

(2 Tim.3:16-17) “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

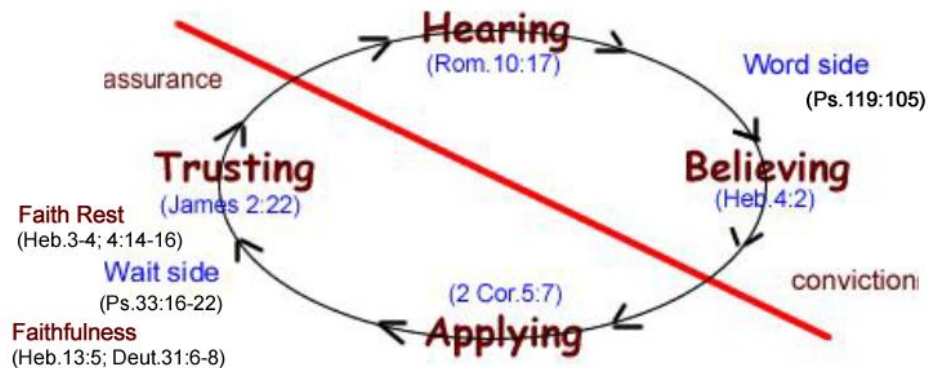
(Jms.1:2) “**Consider** (hegeomai) **it all joy**” - **When?** – While under undeserved suffering.

(Jms.1:3) “**Knowing** (ginosko) [the result of acquiring knowledge of the word of God and it residing in your soul] “**That**” “the testing of your faith produces patient endurance.”

**Principle:** That residual **Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD)** must be cycled in application to the human experience of undeserved suffering (no matter which one of the various trials you are enduring).

4. **James emphasized the importance of each believer cycling specific Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) by faith (the faith cycle).**

In the testing of your faith, application of the faith cycle is the key to producing patient endurance resulting in grace blessings in your Christian ‘Walk’ (Christian way of life).



(1 Pet.2:20) “For what credit is there **if, when** you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? **But if when** you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.” (Jms.1:4)

(Jms.5:11) “We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the **endurance of job** and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings, that the **Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.**” (Job 42:10-17)