

ENDURANCE OF TRIALS **(the proper attitude and actions towards trials)**

FIVE KEY MEANS FOR PERSEVERING THROUGH TRIALS

1. a joyful attitude (2)
2. an understanding mind (3)
3. a submissive will (4)
4. a believing heart (5-8)
5. a humble spirit (9-11)

EIGHT PURPOSES FOR THE LORD ALLOWING TRIALS TO COME INTO THE LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

1. To test the strength of our faith. (Habakkuk 3:17-18, Matthew 8:5-10)
2. To humble us, to remind us not to let our trust in the Lord turn into presumption and spiritual self-satisfaction. (2 Corinthians 12:7)
3. To wean us from our dependence on worldly things. (Hebrews 11:24-26)
4. To call us to eternal and heavenly hope. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
5. To reveal what we really love. (Deuteronomy 10:12;13:1-3, Luke 14:26, Matthew 10:37-39)
6. To teach us to value God's blessings. (Psalm 63:3-7)
7. To develop in His saints enduring strength for greater usefulness. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
8. To enable us to better help others in their trials. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

The only way out of a trials is through it. The Lord promises no bypasses, only that He always will see His people through the trials without their suffering spiritual harm.

GOD'S GOAL IN OUR LIVES IS MATURITY

There are three works of God that are involved in a complete Christian life.

God works for us-salvation
 God works in us- sanctification – character building
 God works through us-service

God builds character before he calls to service.
 He must work in before he can work through us.

God cannot do his perfect and complete work in and through us
 without are willing to submissiveness-