

How do you handle difficult situations in life? - with frustration or with joy?

It seems that life is full of trials. Some are small, others are huge, but as Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble". The question is how will we deal with these trials, and what will be the fruit in our own lives?

Trials test our faith and when we stand true in and thru them it proves our faith is genuine. God wants people with genuine faith. Read Hebrews 11 and take note about the importance of faith. Consider also how many Bible characters listed faced trials.

No one likes to go through trials, but we will never mature if we don't. Count it all joy when we face trials as they are building blocks to our growing to full maturity and meeting Christ.

When we first become Christians we are like a new born baby. 1 Peter 2:2. But we need to continue to mature and grow in our faith by keeping in The Word, praying and being in fellowship with other believers.

As trials and temptations come our way we have to persevere through them. That is how we mature. The Greek word for perseverance is the idea of a plant growing in a harsh environment. The fruit of the plant never comes if the plant gives up. Read Luke 8:4 -15.

What happens in life that keeps us from excelling as Christians and living our faith?

How does the plant that matures resemble the Christian who matures?

Why do you think that maturity is tied above all to perseverance? Why is that trait so important in the Christian life? Why do you think it matters to God?

What are some things you can do to begin viewing trials as a means to your maturity?

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**James 1:2 -4**

**The Why.**

1 Peter 2:2      Hebrew 6:15

**The Way.**

John 16:19-24

**The What.**

Rom 1:17      1Pe 1:7

**The How.**

1Ti 4:16

**Trust God**

**See the prize**

**Stay Connected to the Spirit**

