# RESPONDING TO TRIALS

## JAMES 1:2-4

1. **GOD CALLS OUR ATTENTION, NOT ONLY TO THE INEVITABILITY OF A SINGLE TRIAL, BUT OF MULTIPLE TRIALS (1:2-4)**
   1. Trials Of Varied Sources And Lengths Will Also Be Diverse In Character And Severity
   2. Trials Are The Irreplaceable Means Toward The End Of Christian Maturity
2. **DEFINITION OF *"TEMPTATIONS"***
   1. Solicitations To Evil
   2. The Stress Of Adversity
3. **SPECIFIC COUNSEL IN RESPONDING TO TRIALS (1:2-4)**
   1. Make An Assessment Of The Total Experience (1:2-3)
      1. There Should Be Nothing Other Than *"Joy"* In The Experience  
         1. God Is Not Telling Us To "Enjoy" It
         2. There Is Rejoicing Over Understanding The Total Process Involved
      2. Specific Things That We Know Are Taking Place (1:3)  
         1. A Test Is Being Administered
         2. Our Faith Is Being Refined
         3. Endurance Is Being Developed
   2. Allow The Process To Continue To The Point Of Perfection (1:4)
      1. There Is Always The Tragic Possibility That We Cut It Short
      2. All Of The Parts Will Be In Place