

# How to Profit from Your Problems

## Surviving the Challenges of Life

*James 1:2-6*

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*Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy.*  
— James 1:2 (NLT)

\* Problems fortify my \_\_\_\_\_.  
"... *the testing ... develops perseverance...*"

\* Problems sanctify my \_\_\_\_\_.  
"so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything!"

God's #1 Purpose in my life: \_\_\_\_\_.  
For further study: Rom. 5:3-5, 8:28-29

## I. Four Facts of Life You Need to Know

*"Consider it pure joy ... because you know ..."*

1. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... whenever you face trials ..."*

2. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... whenever you face trials ..."*

3. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"... trials of many kinds ..."*

4. Problems are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Realize that they come ... to produce in you..." (Phillips)*

## 3 PURPOSES OF PROBLEMS (vs.3-4)

\* Problems purify my \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"You know that the testing of your faith..."*

## II. How to Handle Your Problems

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials..." (vs. 1)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (vs. 5)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt ..."*  
(vs. 6)

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