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A Study on the Book of James

TRIALS AND MATURITY

James 1:2-4

Spiritual maturity involves _____, behaviors, and _____.

Four great myths of spiritual maturity that are prevalent in the church in America today:

- 1) We mistake Christian _____ for spiritual maturity.
- 2) We _____ the role of the Holy Spirit, and we overestimate our own role in the process.
- 3) We view trials as _____ to our life when God views trials as the main event for our maturity.
- 4) We equate _____ as a Christian with maturity as a Christian.

Big Truth:

Spiritual maturity requires a submissive _____ with the Holy Spirit's work in the context of trials.

In the first eight verses of James 1, two lives are contrasted:

- Those who are perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (v. 4)
(Spiritually _____ Believers)
- And those who are tossed by the wind, double-minded, and unstable in all their ways. (vv. 6-7)
(Spiritually _____ Believers)

"...we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope."

– Romans 5:3

"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you." – 1 Peter 5:10

Trials build _____.

Reflection/Response:

- 1) List several of the trials/problems you're experiencing today.
- 2) Ask God, "What are you teaching me or developing in me through this trial?"
- 3) How has your attitude been so far? What does God want your attitude to be?
- 4) Will you let endurance have its perfect result?