

## Myth-buster #1: Trials Are Bad

James: Faith that Produces

James 1:1-18

Background:

Myth: Trials are bad.

Reality: Trials are actually reasons for joy.

Trials are described as the way to maturity.

Trials cause us to consciously depend upon God.

Trials help us learn that God's way of measuring is not like ours.

Trials are part of God's good purposes.

Our emotional reaction forces us to answer a question:

*Do I trust God as I say I do?*

A Word of Caution:

*Be careful about casually tossing these verses to a fellow believer who is in deep trial.*