

# James Series Going Deeper

## 5- Day Devotional

### Week 4, Day 5: Faith That Endures the Test of Wealth

#### Verse of the Day

**Primary Scripture:** James 1:12

<sup>9</sup>Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup>and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass<sup>c</sup> he will pass away. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. <sup>12</sup>**Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.**

#### Primary Focus Statement:

Faithfulness in the test of wealth reveals who truly has your heart, and when you remain steadfast through both lack and abundance, you prove that God is your source, your treasure, and your reward. In that place of surrendered trust, you step into the fullness of life in Christ now and the eternal reward that cannot fade.

#### Devotional Teaching

James closes this section by tying everything together with a promise, and it is deeply connected to what he has just taught about the lowly and the rich. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial. These trials are not random. They include the tension of lack and the temptation of wealth. Both are tests of faith.

For the lowly, the trial is trusting God when you do not have what you need or when life feels limited. It is the test of believing that your identity is not defined by your circumstances. It is the challenge of holding onto joy and confidence in Christ when the world would say you have little.

For the rich, the trial is just as real. It is the test of not placing your trust in what you have. It is the challenge of remaining humble, dependent, and generous when you have the ability to rely on yourself. Wealth tests whether God is truly your source or just an addition to your life.

Both lack and abundance reveal the same thing. What do you truly trust. What do you truly love. What are you ultimately living for.

To remain steadfast means that no matter your situation, your heart stays anchored in God. If you have little, you trust Him as your provider. If you have much, you trust Him as your source

and not your supply. You refuse to let circumstances define your faith. Instead, your faith defines how you walk through every circumstance.

God attaches a promise to this kind of faith. When you stand the test, you will receive the crown of life. This is not just a future reward. This is the life of freedom, peace, and joy that comes from being fully surrendered to God. It is the life where money no longer controls you, lack no longer defines you, and circumstances no longer shake you.

The greatest reward is not what you gain. It is who you become and who you walk with. When God is your treasure, you are already rich beyond measure. And when you remain faithful through the tests of wealth, you prove that your heart belongs fully to Him.

### **Reflection Questions**

How do you respond differently in seasons of lack versus seasons of abundance?

Where are you most tempted to trust in money instead of God?

What would it look like for your heart to remain steady regardless of your financial situation?

### **Action Step**

Identify whether you are currently being tested through lack or abundance. Choose one intentional way today to trust God in that specific situation and act on it with faith.