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STANDING STRONG . . . WHEN TESTED

"When He has tested me, I will come forth as gold." – Job (23:10b)

James 1:1-12

"WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S TESTS?"

- They are _____.
"whenever you face trials of many kinds" (vs. 2b) NIV

- They have _____.
*"For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be **strong in character** and ready for anything."
(vss. 3- 4) NLT*

"WHY AM I OFTEN OVERWHELMED BY GOD'S TESTS?"

- My lack of _____
*"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) NIV*
- My lack of _____
*"But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to answer, for a **doubtful mind** is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." (vss. 6- 7) NLT*

"HOW CAN I STAND STRONG UNDER GOD'S TESTS?"

- Model a _____ attitude.
"Consider it pure joy" (vs. 2a) NIV
◇ "Consider" means " _____ "
- Mold a _____ mind.
*"because **you know** that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." (vs. 3)*
◇ "Know" means " _____ "
- Maintain a _____ will.
"And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (vs. 4) NASB
◇ "Let" means " _____ "

"WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE ME FROM HIS TESTS?"

- A life of true _____
*"God **blesses** the people who patiently endure testing." (vs. 12a) NLT*
- A life of true _____
*"Afterward they will receive the **crown of life** that God has promised those who love Him."
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