

Financial Success

James 1:9-12

- I. Being poor is a good thing: We can mature spiritually through the “trial” of financial need (James 1:9).
 - Poorer Christians can mature by learning to value spiritual things and anticipating eternity (James 1:12; 2:5).

- II. Being wealthy is a good thing: We can mature spiritually through the “trial” of having wealth (James 1:10-11).
 - Wealthier Christians can mature by better understanding the temporary nature of wealth (James 4:14-16).

- III. Whatever trial we face, as we persevere and mature, we receive God’s greatest blessings (James 1:12).
 - A. God blesses those who persevere through trials (12a).

 - B. God’s blessing is the “crown of life” (12b).
 - Enjoyment of life now as we have the blessings of maturity gained through trials.
 - Eternal rewards in heaven

 - C. God blesses us as we persevere in trials out of our love for Him (12c).