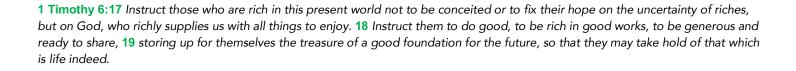
The Great Equalizer

Trials prove that in Christ, wealth is not an advantage James 1:9-12 Chris Mueller 9-26-2021

Introduction:



Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28 God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

2 Timothy 3:12 All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

9 But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; 10 and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away. 12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him

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- 1 John 4:16 God is love, and the one who abides in love, abides in God, and God abides in him.
- 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.
- 1 Peter 1:8 though you have not seen Him, you love Him.
- 1 Corinthians 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed.

QUESTIONS for GROWTH IN CHRIST

- 1. Why does James discuss the rich and the poor in the context of teaching on trials?
- 2. What are the advantages of being poor as a Christian?
- 3. What are the advantages of being rich as a Christian?
- What are the davantages of being non-as a distribution?
 What blessing that comes from trials is most encouraging to you personally?
- 5. How will you respond differently to trials after learning from this passage today?
- 6. What steps do you need to take in order to grow more from trials than you do now?

