

Stepped-Up Faith in a Messed-Up World

James 1:2-18

Stepped-up faith, under the *influence* of the Holy Spirit:

S_____ firmly,
T_____ action fully,
E_____ consistently,
P_____ prayerfully.

How will your faith hold up when it's put to the test? When it's *under fire*?

It's one thing to *believe* something. Its quite another to put it to *action*!

In your trials & tests where is your focus? Is it on the negative or on the positive?

- Positive **PERSPECTIVE** (v. 2).

It's all about **A**_____.
God is still at work **in** and **through** it all.

- Positive **PROCESS** (v. 3). Testing of your faith—
developing **P**_____.

When faith is under serious heat it becomes
persevering faith!

- Positive **PURPOSE** (v.4). 3-Part **goal** for your faith:
 - **MATURE** ~ experienced, *fully* grown—
S_____.
 - **COMPLETE** ~ edified, *fully* trained—
S_____.
 - **LACKING NOTHING** ~ equipped, outfitted—
S_____.

What if my faith is a mess *in* the mess? (v.5-8)

Ask for **W**_____.

Wisdom is right application **of** belief/faith **to** trial/mess.

You will be blessed, even in the mess (v.12) IF you
P_____ The reward:

Fire-tested faith receives the promised **crown of Life**

For your faith to grow up, you must **step** it up:
Stand, Take action, Engage, Persevere!

***YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST IS NOT TESTED TRUE UN-
LESS ITS BEEN TEMPERED UNDER FIRE!***