

## Dealing with problems

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### Introduction

1. James 1:2-6
2. This passage deals with problems we might have in this life.
3. Everyone will have problems
4. How we deal with these problems will determine whether we are a success in our Christian living.
5. How are we to deal with these problems?

### II Discussions

1. We are to deal with these problems positively 1:2
  1. We will have persecutions 2 Timothy 3:12; Revelation 2:10; Matthew 5:11; Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 5:10
  2. A positive response is not normal but one that must be worked upon Acts 5:41; 16:25; Matthew 5:11-12
  3. What are some problem we might have?
    1. A brother of low degree, 1:9 one who from external condition has been brought low
    2. Widows or orphans 1:27
    3. The oppressed 2:6
    4. Destitute 2:15
    5. Fightings 4:1
    6. Miseries from being rich 5:1
    7. Defrauded 5:4
    8. Afflicted 5:10
    9. Sickness 5:14-15
2. We are to deal with these problems patiently 1:3-4
  1. We are all in need of patience Hebrews 10:36
  2. We are to run with patience Hebrews 12:1
  3. We are to have the patience of Job James 5:7-11
  4. Through these problems come patience Romans 5:3
  5. The scriptures gives us patience Romans 15:4
3. We are to deal with these problems prayerfully 1:5
  1. God supplies all our needs Philippians 4:19
  2. God gives all things 1 Timothy 6:17
  3. We must ask God Matthew 7:7
  4. We must ask in faith James 1:6-8; 4:3
  5. He will answer our prayers 1 Kings 3:9-12; Matthew 26:39
  6. God gives generously 2 Kings 7; Malachi 3:10
  7. Upbraideth not, God will not ask what you have done with His blessings

### III Conclusion

1. Are you being tried? Do you have problems? How are you dealing with them?
2. God tells us how, but we must submit to His will to deal with them correctly
3. Have you submitted to Him?
4. Now is the time to obey!

Sources: Olive Tree app; Old sermon preached 1991