

WHEN TROUBLES COME AND STAY

James 1:2–12

Much of life is played in a minor key. Hurts and heartaches, pain and disappointments, sickness, disabilities, criticism, and failure can steal our happiness and eclipse our hope for relief. It's hard enough when trials hit us from all sides . . . but when they come and refuse to go away, they can be devastating. Entertainment may temporarily dull the edge, but it offers no permanent answers. Travel may provide a nice break, but as soon as it ends, the nagging problems await our return. When we're buffeted by tests and trials, the very best solution comes in the rare insight James offers.

I. What is true about troubles?

- They are _____.
- They have _____.

II. How can I rise above them?

- Consider:
- Know:
- Ask:
- Endure:

III. When I've handled my troubles correctly, what then?

- Now
- Afterward