

1. A Joyful Attitude

1.1. Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28

1.2. It is not the trial or trouble that we are to be joyful about, it's about the hope and trust in God we rest our joy in. Cf. Philippians 4:11-12; Acts 16:24-25; 1 Corinthians 12:7-9

1.3. John 16:20; Philippians 1:17

Notes:

2. When Trials Come

2.1. The word "when" is in the subjunctive mood and carries the idea not just of the possibility but inevitability.

2.2. The word trials has the basic meaning of trying, testing, assaying or proving.

2.3. The word "various" has the meaning of "many colored" and is used figuratively of things diverse or varied.

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3. Knowing

3.1. The word knowing carries the idea of full understanding of something that is beyond merely factual and the often comes from personal experience.

3.2. What does this produce? Patience or endurance for they are the same things. The word "testing" is not the same as trial. It does carry the same meaning which has the idea of proving something. In other words, proving its validity.

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