

Orienting our thinking to the divine viewpoint of Time

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Acts 17:31 (NKJV)
11 These were more full-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness**, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

4499 ἡτοιμασία **hōtēmasia** as (inf), s (h) 1 sem. = Str 4388; TDNT 6:697. LN 25:68
readiness, willingness, readiness

The Crown Goal

If we don't **"receive the word with all readiness"**, specifically in the context of this study it would be the parameters James lays out in chapter 1, then the rest of the book loses its meaning and effect

The Crown of Life: This is one of the parameters that James outlines, that should undergird the maturing believers thoughts when faced with any and all trials

James 1:2-12 (NKJV)

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.
3 knowing because you know that the testing of your faith produces patience.
4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

4399 ἡτοιμασία (**hōtēmasia**) as (inf), s (h) 1 sem. = Str 3986; TDNT 6:23-1 LN 27:46
evaluation, submit another to a test, to learn the true nature or character of Jas 1:2-19 v.4-10. LN 88:308
temptation, trial, given for the purpose to make one stumble

4622 ὅτι (**hōti**) q. = Str 3754-1 LN 90:21
marker of discourse (Rev 2:4; Mk 16:11; 14 v.1); 2. LN 89:33
because, marker of a cause or reason (Mt 2:18);

10 but the rich in him humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.
11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

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because, marker of a cause or reason (Mt 2:18);

1581 δοκιμασία (**dokimos**), as (inf), s (h) 1 sem. = Str 1384; TDNT 2:255-1 LN 30:115
tested, judged worthy (2Co 10:18 v.1); 2. LN 73:4
testing, pertaining to that which is approved by testing (Ro 16:10; 2Co 13:7; 2Ti 2:15; Jas 1:12 v.1; Jas 1:5 v.1; 1Pe 1:7 v.1)

Happy is the man who is persistent in doctrine through the test
12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

John 14:15 (NKJV)
15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Happiness is the result of seeing the benefits of steady application

A temptation or trial is anything that challenges Bible doctrine!

It's anything that challenges obedience to God, and that according to His method; which equals Bible doctrine

There is a biblical concept in our definition to **volition**
we would all do well to comprehend that concept and meditate on it. Humility is the result of the positive volition in obeying God's word God's way.

Definition
volition is the deliberate intentional employment of that system of thought that best suits the conclusion I prefer to arrive at

The judgment seat of Christ:

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Evaluation of church age believers performance during their time in the church age

The goal For the believer the goal is not making it to heaven!

Romans 14:10 (NKJV)

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NKJV)

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

How we are going to reach the goal

Salvation for the church age believer?

3 stages of salvation:

1. Justification = saved from the penalty of sin
2. Sanctification = saved from the power of sin
3. Glorification = saved from the presence of sin

Also known as the spiritual life

Presently we are under the 2nd stage, Sanctification where we are being saved from the power of sin. In the context of our passage this concept is communicated in verses 2 and 3, and again in verse 12; under the phrase "endures trials"

Thus 2:14 (NKJV)

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people

zealous for good works

Christ's purpose is that every believer should attain to this mental attitude

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV)

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16 Redeeming the Time because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Constructing our capacity for eternal reward:

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NKJV)

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.
11 For no one can lay any other foundation than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
13 each one's work will be made manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
14 If anyone's work which has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Human morality is not a part of the spiritual life

The spiritual life is uniquely the product of the Holy Spirit

By means of the Spirit

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Discipline our expense of Time for the eternal reward:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NKJV)

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.
25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.
26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.
27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)

10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

3.

volition

A present construction for a future result

present Discipline future result

We must take great care to evaluate ourselves, knowing there will be a future evaluation at the judgment seat of Christ