

## Building the Right Mindset

**Theme verse:** James 1:2-8 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.

A. Every situation is an opportunity to think extraordinarily.

1. A trial is designed to add something to you, not take something away. James 1:4
2. It is impossible to receive when your mind is not renewed in that situation.  
What is the thought Jesus has about it? Eph 4:23; 2 Pet 1:4
3. Jesus said what He heard the Father say, and did what He saw the Father do.  
The Holy Spirit helps us to find that out. John 5:19; 1 Cor 2:9-10
4. Every situation is an opportunity to engage the mind of Christ and step off in faith. 1 Cor 2:16

B. The Fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23

1. The Fruit of the Spirit is a part of the nature of God. It is also your new nature.  
Eph 4:24; Col 3:10
2. Every problem you face is an opportunity to accelerate in the nature of God.  
Col 1:10; 2 Pet 3:18
3. It is our privilege to take a negative thought captive to a better one. 2 Cor 10:5-6
4. A mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. Rom 8:6

C. Christ in you, the hope (confident expectation) of glory.

1. New creation in Christ. Col 1:27  
2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15
2. He always gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 15:57
3. God always leads us in triumph. 2 Cor 2:14
4. The Holy Spirit and Jesus make intercession for you. Rom 8:26-27; Heb 7:25
5. I can do all things through Christ who empowers me. Phil 4:13

D. Biblical Examples

1. Elisha + servant – Arameans 2 Kings 6
2. David + Israelite army – Goliath 1 Samuel 17
3. Caleb/Joshua + spies – Promised Land Numbers 13-14