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2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

#### James 1:2-4

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

#### Romans 5:3-5

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6 In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. 7 But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; 8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

### 1 Timothy 6:3-8

5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain 6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

### 1 Timothy 6:3-8

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Today – Hebrews 11:1-6 **Monday – 2 Peter 1:1-3 Tuesday - Colossians 1:9-10** Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 **Thursday - Romans 5:3-5** Friday - 1 Timothy 4:6-8 Saturday - Romans 12:10-13 Sunday – 1 Corinthians 13

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