

Count It ALL Because It ALL Adds Up!

KJV James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 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.

How we look at the world and it's affect on us is determined by our understanding of how God works.

God made Covenant Promises to Abraham in **Gen 15**, God went on to tell him his descendants would inherit The Land of Canaan.

In **verse 13** God says they will live in a land that is not theirs and **will be slaves for 400 years.**

God says but I will punish that nation and after the 400 years they will come out with great possessions.

Then in **verse 16** God says something very interesting that puts everything in perspective:

God says they won't come back to The Promised Land until the fourth generation because the iniquity of The Amorites has to run its course.

God's promise to Israel, their receiving it and walking in freedom and prosperity is also determined by the amount of sin of sinners namely the Amorites.

GWN Genesis 15:16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, because the sin of the Amorites will not have run its course until then."

We know from **Ex 12:40** Israel lived in Egypt **430 years.**

God was counting the years and the amount and level of **iniquity** the Amorites would practice so He could punish them accordingly and reward His people!

James is telling the family of God how to handle life's troubles!

He doesn't tell us to ignore them or act like they don't exist!

*No, he says to **count them or keep tract of them for legal purposes.***

You see God has a way of doing things, its called The Kingdom way mentioned in ***Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***

ESV Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

In Legal Terms there are two types of compensation paid to an injured party:

Punitive and Compensatory.

Punitive is in no way tied to the type of harm that has been suffered but are awarded to **punish the wrongdoer** for their evil behavior. Both punitive and compensatory damages are awarded directly to the injured party or plaintiff.

Punitive damages is the punishment given to the one(s) who committed the crime against you! You've heard the phrase the punishment must fit the crime.

Rom 12:19b... "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Compensatory damages reimburse or compensate the injured party for the harm and injury they have suffered.

For monetary expenses incurred because of an injury.

Compensation awarded to **make the victim whole** for expenses incurred or for money lost due to the incident or accident that caused their injuries.

Damages cover any expense or loss related to an injury, and **there is no limit** to the types of special damage claims that can be made, or to the amount an injured party can claim.

- loss of earnings
- loss of future earnings
- cost of future medical care
- household expenses, and
- costs associated with cancelled trips or altered plans
- pain and suffering
- mental anguish, and
- loss of consortium (business partnerships) or companionship
- funeral and burial expenses
- emotional distress of surviving family and loved ones
- loss of financial contribution
- loss of services and support, and

James says "count it ALL" because it ALL Adds Up!

And **while your counting get happy** about it, cause God's about the compensate you for some of the Hell you went through serving Him.

*Joel 2:25 "Then **I will repay you for the years** that the mature locusts, the adult locusts, the grasshoppers, and the young locusts ate your crops. (They are the large army that I sent against you.)*

God told Joel He was **restoring the years** the worms ate up at every stage!

This is what James is trying to tell us, just wait until it all adds up!

James 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

ESV Proverbs 24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

It's building something in us, developing something in us so God can accomplish more through us!

It's about **patience** the kind of testing that produces **endurance, steadfastness and staying power.**

KJV James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

GWN James 1:4 Endure until your testing is over. Then you will be mature and complete, and you won't need anything.

❖ **The perfect work is the full reward for enduring the test!**

The reason you're still in your trail is because God is adding up your compensation!

*Romans 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "**Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.**"*

The reason you're still in your test is because God is counting the cost and determining their **punitive damages** and your **compensation.**

So hang in there until your test is over so you can get your **FULL REWARD!**

Because when it's finally over you will be lacking nothing, you will have **everything** you need to **fulfill your destiny!**

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