

# Money Matters: Exchanging Fear For Hope

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Matthew 6:33 (NLT); 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT; Psalm 46:10 (NLT) & (MSG); Psalm 20:7 (NCV)

## To Exchange Fear For Hope, I Should

E\_\_\_\_\_ problems at unexpected times.

My friends, consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way, James 1:2 (TEV)

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (NIV)

E\_\_\_\_\_ the problem.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, James 1:2 (NIV)

We should evaluate problems the same way we evaluate storms:

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E\_\_\_\_\_ God to accomplish His purpose.

...you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:3-4 (NIV)

How can I enable God to accomplish His purpose?

→ Know that

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...Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?... Job 2:10 (NIV)

The results of a proper attitude toward problems are:

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And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

E\_\_\_\_\_ a desire for insight.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5 (NIV)

E\_\_\_\_\_ your fear for faith.

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. James 1:6-8 (NIV)

2 reasons we doubt:

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E\_\_\_\_\_ your happiness in Christ.

The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business. James 1:9-11 (NIV)

E\_\_\_\_\_ “Quit” from your vocabulary.

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 (NIV)