

## Application Guide for Theology Driven Ministry Curriculum

### TDM in Sunday School

#### Lesson 7 –A Theology of Trials pt. 2

**Scripture Focus:** James 1:9-15

**Memory Verse:** James 1:12 “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.” NKJV

**Key Biblical Truth:** God’s purposes in trials are often higher than we expect. Therefore, it is essential that all believers be equipped with a firm theology of trials that they might please God in time of trouble by prayerfully depending on His providence to bring about His purposes.

#### Study Questions:

**Monday:** As you read verses 1-15 today what manner are you supposed to respond to trials in that contrasts to the world?

**Tuesday:** What do verses 9-11 teach us about folks who place all the value of life in their possessions and pursuit of possessions?

**Wednesday:** According to verse 12 how does the genuineness of faith in the life of a believer shine through when the trials come?

**Thursday:** Read verses 13-14 today. Where does the temptation to sin originate?

**Friday:** What does verse 15 tell us is the final conclusion to giving in to temptation?

#### Application Questions:

1. How do trials in your life bring you closer to God and make you more dependent upon Him?
2. What actions should you take in the coming week so that you don’t get caught in the cycle described here of enticement, entrapment and enactment (verses 14-15)?

**Application Challenge:** This week, pray that God will make your desire for Him, above all other things in life, so that you may stand firm when temptations come. Make a list of areas where you are tempted and search in this coming week for Scriptures to help you combat these temptations.