

“Someone’s Jealous Because you Love God” James 1:12-16 And if the devil can infiltrate our minds through his world system of propaganda and lies, he can neutralize us; so if we’re not diligent in our pursuit of our Lord and His thinking, we can quite easily become casualties in the spiritual warfare we find ourselves involved in. What we think is who and what we really are; we’re not what we appear to be, we are a product of what we think in our souls. Satan attacks the objective understanding of biblical truth in the soul of the believer but the knowledge of God which is available to apply to every situation in life is not subject to his counterattack! Just as being on the offensive increases the effectiveness of the military force adopting it, taking on the offensive in the spiritual life increases our ability to handle any suffering we may encounter. A believer who truly loves God will not seek Him only for the purpose of removing his pain; so, if God doesn't remove it, a mature believer will not turn away from or against Him. “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” A. W. Tozer A believer who loves God will not ever accuse Him of attempting to cause him to fail, nor does he ever entertain the thought that God has somehow forsaken him after He promised never to. The pressure of life’s trials exposes our real attitude toward God. We always have the option of responding from divine viewpoint or reacting with human viewpoint. God will test us for approval of our faith (James 1:12) to get us to focus on Him and His omnipotent power to deliver those who trust in Him. God is our protection in the trials and testing we face as a result of our trials. In the first twelve verses of the book of James, seven of God’s ten major grace solutions are alluded to. It’s a misnomer to think that all Christians love God. Personal love can never sustain a human relationship; it takes impersonal love as a safety net to ensure that the relationship will flourish. Impersonal love is based on our understanding of Who God the Father is and what God the Son has done.