

THINGS THAT HINDER / SHIPWRECK OUR FAITH

1) TRIALS & TRIBULATION

1 Peter 1 v 6:though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

James 1 v 2: My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1 v 12: Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation (testing); for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

2) GREED & THE RICHES (MONEY)

1 Timothy 6 v 6: But godliness with contentment is great gain.⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Matthew 6 V 19: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3) WORLDLY WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

1 Timothy 6 v 20: O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—²¹ by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

2 Timothy 2 v 14 – Paul warns Timothy:against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,¹⁸ who have departed from the truth.

2 Timothy 4 v 2: Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Titus 3 v 9: But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

