

## **HOW TO LEARN THE WORD OF GOD**

When you read our lesson text, it seems as if the key word is “Joy (chara); but the key word is actually “Knowing” (ginosko).” But knowing what? The question to be answered in this lesson will be, “**what is the link between having Joy and Knowing what is True?**”

In this lesson I want to emphasize three important principles of perception needed in Learning the Word of God: **eye / ear, the mind, and then hand contact** with learning the Word of God (**1 Cor.2:9-10**).

### **Five points on How to Learn Word of God from James**

#### **1. We begin with the first of two commands in (Jas.1:2-4)**

**Consider or Count** (hegeomai/ a.m.impv.2pl) **it all joy** (Jas.1:2).

First the key word with Count it all Joy is **WHEN** (hotan+subj) [when and what?].

**Write** what follows (Jas.1:2) “when \_\_\_\_\_”

- **Testing or temptation (peirasmos)** of Undeserved suffering.

#### **2. A second key word associate with Count it all Joy is KNOWING (ginosko/p.a.ptc.nplm) (Jas.1:3)**

It refers to knowing something well enough to apply to your Christian Way of Life (CWL).

It is introduced by declarative conjunction (hoti) [**that**] after the verb, knowing (Categorical Bible Doctrine) The Word of God.

What do we KNOW about Undeserved Suffering and what it produces in order for us to Count it all Joy?

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#### **3. The Greek grammar of KNOWING (p.a.ptc. nplm) is another key to understanding behind Counting it all Joy.**

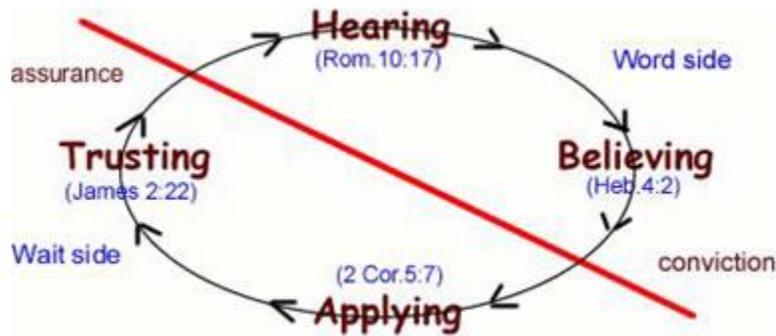
- (p.) **Present tense:** \_\_\_\_\_
- (a.) **Active voice:** \_\_\_\_\_
- (ptc. nplm) **Participle:** \_\_\_\_\_

“**Knowing** (p.a.ptc. nplm)” **works at the same time of main verb, “produces”** (p.m.ind.3ps).

“**Knowing that the testing** (to dokimion/ nsn) **of your** (su/ gplm/ personal) **the faith** (tes pistis) (CBD) produces (katergazomai/ p.m.ind.3ps) **patient endurance** (hupomome).

4. **“Knowing” (ginosko) is developing spiritual growth maturity in your Christian Way of Life (CWL) through Undeserved Suffering (Phil.1:29).**

“Knowing that the **testing** (to dominion/ approval) **of our faith** (tes pistis) [Faith Cycle] **produces** (katergazomai) patient endurance (hupomone).” (Jas.1:3)



5. **Circle 2 things -the second command and what is it connected to in (Jas.1:4)?**

“And let patient endurance have (echo/ p.a.impv.3ps) its perfect (teleios) result (ergon) [work], **so that** (hina) you may be (eimi/ p.a.subj2pl) perfect (teleios) and complete (holokleros), lacking in nothing (leipo/ p.m.ptc.nplm en+loc. medeis/ lsn)” (Jas.1:4)

**How do we achieve patient endurance (Jas.1:3)?**

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**How is a believer engaged in the results of the work of patient endurance (Jas.1:4)?**

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**What stage of faith cycle is being applied?**

- Perfect?
- Completed results?

Write three benefits of having “patient endurance’s perfect work” during undeserved suffering (U/S)

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**Conclusion:**

**You can Count it all joy**, when applied at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of undeserved suffering - NOT because it went away - BUT because the faith cycle fulfills the Word of God.

It works in the transformation process into the image of Christ in for the spiritually advancing believer (Rom.5:1-5; 12:2; Col.3:7-10; 1 Pet.2:20).

This is how you deal with adversities in your Christian “Walk” (CWL) (Phil.1:29). This is how you **Count it all Joy** (Gal.5:16-17, 22-23).