

Play Your Position

James 1:9-12

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.

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.

What's James saying?

- ⇒ Rivalry, _____ and animosity had already begun to creep into the Early Church:
- ⇒ When God created Adam and Eve everything was in perfect relationship;
- ⇒ As a result of _____ wealth, riches and resources were reallocated disproportionately.
- ⇒ James is saying that we ought not to get wrapped up in the _____ – everyone has a _____ position to play.

Redemption and Lift

- ⇒ Is a term that _____ have coined.
- ⇒ It describes what happens to any culture, tribe or people group when _____ takes root in it.
- ⇒ It has been documented that within _____ there is a remarkable difference in the quality of life for those who have been redeemed by Christ.

Someone once said, "I never saw Jesus turn water into wine, but I have seen Jesus turn beer into money."

What's the bottom line?

- ⇒ The community of Jesus Christ is best evidenced when we _____ one another in _____.
- ⇒ James 2:6-9
- ⇒ We should never use our position as a means of _____ or _____.
- ⇒ Rather we should use our position to _____.