

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.