



**Series: Living Wisely in Turbulent Times**

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## **PART VI: TRAINING GROUND**

**SCRIPTURE:** JAMES 1:19-21

**key theme:** The solution to enduring through trials is not to get angry at God + others but to train ourselves to walk in God's wisdom: quick to listen, slow to speak + slow to get angry.

*3 ways to train yourself to endure trials*

- 1) Pace yourself while enduring trials
  - a. We need to be quick to listen + obey the wisdom that God gives us.
  - b. In dealing with other individuals, we should listen to what is being before trying to prove our point.
  - c. We need to be slow to speak rashly and without an understanding.
  - d. We need to be slow to develop anger + hostility towards God because of the intensity or perceived unfairness of our trials.
  - e. We need to be slow to develop anger towards others because it can cause us to deviate or accelerate from God's plans
- 2) Remove Stumbling Blocks
  - a. Stumbling blocks entice + distract you.
  - b. You have to train yourself to remove stumbling blocks when they appear + not wait until it is too late.
- 3) Be transformed
  - a. You must train yourself to allow the word of God to transform your thoughts, your actions, your motivations, and your life.
  - b. The enemy wants to deceive you into thinking that merely hearing the Word, without action, transforms you.

### **thoughts for further study**

- 1) How has anger at God and at others caused you to deviate or accelerate the pace that God is setting?

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