What do I do when in the midst of Trials & Tribulations?

James 1:2-8
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***YOU CAN PASS THE TESTS THAT GOD ALLOWS IN YOUR LIFE!**

How? By following 3 necessary requirements.

I. BY FACING THE TEST WITH A RIGHT ATTITUDE (v.2,3)
THINK RIGHT!

This attitude involves an awareness that:

A. TESTS ARE UNAVOIDABLE

1. Tests will come at different times
2. Tests will come in different ways
3. Tests may come in different amounts

B. TESTS ARE BENEFICIAL

1. Look at each test with optimism
   "count it all joy"
2. Look at each test with confidence.
   "knowing..." Note: Joy (a right attitude) is caused by right thinking.
   a. His purpose is to prove the genuineness of your faith.
      "trying" = to prove or show to be real or genuine by testing.
   b. His purpose is to produce perseverance in your life.
      "patience" = endurance; lit. an ability to remain under, to persevere.

II. BY FINISHING THE TEST WITH A RIGHT ACTION (v.4)
RESPOND RIGHT!

GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE:

A. SPIRITUALLY GROWN UP *"perfect" = mature, complete in growth.*

B. SPIRITUALLY FIT "entire" = *whole, complete in all it's parts.*

C. SPIRITUALLY BALANCED *"wanting nothing" = not lacking any parts.*

III. BY LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ANSWERS!
ASK RIGHT!
SEEK GOD'S PROMISE OF WISDOM *(v.5-8)*
(seek the essential wisdom that God gives)

A. He will answer if you depend upon Him. (v.5-6a)

B. He will not answer you if you doubt Him (v.6b-8)