



# ***How Should Christians Handle Crisis?***

Sermon by Ray Reynolds (June 13, 2010 - AM)

Text: James 1:12-18

Introduction: We are currently facing a crisis in our community. James offers us a time tested formula for handling a crisis. These principles will help you whether you are from the Gulf Coast or from anywhere else in the world. Let's study these timeless truths together . . . .

Discussion:

**I. ACCEPT THE TRUTH (v.12)**

*"When people are tempted and still continue strong, they should be happy."*

**II. ENDURE THE TRIAL (v.12)**

*"After they have proved their faith, God will reward them with life forever. God promised this to all those who love him."*

**III. IGNORE THE TALK (v.13)**

*"When people are tempted, they should not say, 'God is tempting me.' Evil cannot tempt God, and God himself does not tempt anyone."*

**IV. AVOID THE TRAP (vs.14-15)**

*"But people are tempted when their own evil desire leads them away and traps them. This desire leads to sin, and then the sin grows and brings death."*

**V. STAY ON TRACK (vs.16-18)**

*"My dear brothers and sisters, do not be fooled about this. Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows. God decided to give us life through the word of truth so we might be the most important of all the things he made."*

Conclusion: Sometimes when Satan hits us, he strikes us hard. "When it rains, it pours." This crisis has the potential of bringing out the worst in people, but it has the potential of bringing out the best in us! Let's meet at the cross. God is waiting to deliver you! And your brothers and sisters are waiting to help you!

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