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QUESTION: "How can I increase my faith?"

ANSWER: Get ready for many tests

In the natural, how does a man increase his muscles? He puts his body under stress by lifting weights. He doesn't sit around eating lollies and cakes and sleeping all the time

And so the Christian life **MUST** have many trials and tribulations to prepare us.

But the Lord would have us **rejoice in them** knowing that God will turn them to a good account. As the scriptures say

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ([1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#))

For God hath **not given us the spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ([2 Timothy 1:7](#))

Troubles exercise us in patience and give us the experience of God's love so that we will not be ashamed. We are reminded

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." ([Romans 5:3-5](#))

Yes, we are drawn and held by the bonds of God's love, so that we will not be ashamed either of **our hope in him** or **our sufferings for him**.

A young man found himself very impatient and asked a Pastor to pray for him that he might learn patience.

He was rather surprised when the pastor prayed that the Lord would send him tribulation, and he reacted to the prayer.

"Dear Sir" the Pastor replied "**it is tribulation that worketh patience.**"

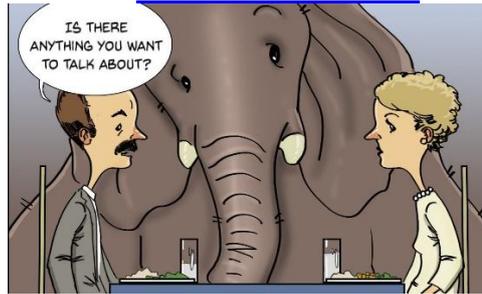
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