16.10.02 Measures of Maturity: Introduction James 1.1 – 4 Notes

1. These verses are an encouragement to **Embrace your .**

James embraces the identity of a  **.**

As a follower of Jesus, you have been given a to embrace. Romans 8.15

Embrace your identity as a    .

1. **Allow God’s to determine your . James 1.2 – 4**

 **God’s trials and testing.**

In his testing and training program, God is after all of you:

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Being tested by God is not , but  . Isaiah 64.8

Lessons God teaches in tests and trials like these:

* I am not in
* I need God’s  more than I imagine
* God is really more interested in what’s happening in the part of me that can’t be probed, scanned or medicated
* Real healing takes place in my , mind, and
* I’m not promised a   life
* Life is brief and I cannot take my days for , and,
* My  must come from Jesus alone

**Joyously embrace God’s trials and testing.**