

**Blessing** — *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7*

**In your trials, your faith has been tested but when Jesus is revealed, your perseverance will result in praise, glory, and honor for you.**

**Keep this card and read it again when you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space. Trade it in for a CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS card because you have longed for his appearing and have an eternal perspective on suffering.**

**Blessing** — *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. 1 Peter 1:8*

**During your trials the Lord has blessed you with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.**

**Place this card back in the stack.**

**Blessing** — *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

**You did not repay reviling for reviling but repaid evil with a blessing. You will inherit a heavenly blessing.**

**Keep this card until you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space and then re-read the verse.**

**Blessing** — *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled. 1 Peter 3:14*

**You realize that you are suffering not because you did something wrong in God's eyes, but for righteousness' sake. The Lord blesses you with peace.**

**Read this verse again and then return it to the pile.**

**Blessing** — *But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 1Peter 4:13*

**When you experienced suffering because of the name of Christ, you rejoiced because you realized that you were sharing in Christ's suffering.**

**Keep this card and read it again when you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space because it is then that you can experience the fullness of getting to rejoice in sharing in his sufferings.**

**Blessing** — *If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 1 Peter 4:14*

**When you were insulted for the name of Christ you received the blessing of the Spirit of glory and of God.**

**Thank Him and return this card to the pile.**

**Blessing** — *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.*

1 Peter 3:9

**You did not repay reviling for reviling but repaid evil with a blessing. You received an earthly blessing.**

**What kind of blessing do you think you received?**

**Return this card to the pile.**

**Blessing** — *Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.* 1 Peter 5:9-10

**You receive encouragement from a fellow believer to keep persevering in your faith. This convicts you to pray for other believers who are suffering too. You are comforted by the fact that God will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you in your walk, in the midst of the trial.**

**Return this card to the pile.**

**Blessing** - *For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 1 Thessalonians 2:19*

**Keep this card and exchange it for a CROWN OF BOASTING when you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space because you have led people to the Savior while you were on earth.**

**Blessing** — *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.* 1 Peter 3:14

**You realize that you are suffering not because you did something wrong in God's eyes, but for righteousness' sake. You will receive a blessing in heaven.**

**Keep this card until you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space.**

**Blessing** — *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.* Matthew 5:44

**You have been praying for your persecutor to receive Christ and he did!**

**Keep this card, as it represents the fruit of your labors. If you get martyred or finish the game way before everyone else, you may turn in this card in order to play again as this "new Christian."**

**Blessing** — *As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.* 2 Timothy 4:5

**You have been faithful to endure, to do the work of an evangelist, to fulfill your ministry, and disciple others.**

**Keep this card, as it represents the fruit of your labors. If you get martyred or finish the game way before everyone else, you may turn in this card in order to play again as a "new Christian."**

**Blessing** – *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*  
Matthew 5:11-12

**You rejoiced when you received revilement and persecution on Christ’s account. You realized that you were not only partaking in Christ’s suffering but also in the suffering of the body of Christ and of those who have come before you in the Church.**

**Keep this card until you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space because your reward will be great in heaven.**

**Blessing** - *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.* John 16:33

**You are experiencing great troubles. But the Holy Spirit brings this verse to mind and the Lord blesses you with peace.**

**Read this verse again and then return it to the pile.**

**Blessing** - *For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.* Philemon 1:7

**Your heart is encouraged by a Christian brother or sister that has not only walked with you but has also encouraged others during times of persecution. Pick a person behind you and move them to be with you on your square.**

**Blessing** - *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.* Romans 5:3-4

**Through rejoicing in your sufferings, the Lord has blessed you with endurance to be faithful, which has produced godly character in your life, which has led to hope in God’s promises.**

**What sort of character do you think your suffering and endurance produced?**

**Return this card to the pile.**

**Blessing** — *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.*  
1 Peter 1:8

**During your trials the Lord has blessed you with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. You keep an eternal perspective that although you do not see Him now, you will see Him one day, and you still believe His promises found in His Word.**

**Keep this card until you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space. Trade it in for a CROWN OF GLORY card because you have longed for his appearing and have eternal perspective on suffering.**

**Blessing** – *“Only hold fast what you have until I come. The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.”*  
Revelation 2:25-26

**Keep this card until you enter the ETERNITY WITH GOD space to receive authority over the nations from Jesus for holding on to Jesus’ teaching in the midst of persecution and for keeping His works while you were on earth.**

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