

**Thursday, April 10, 1997**

**Subject:** James 1:9-10

**Dear Dr. Ryrie:** Why did James say, "Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position"? Some commentary has said the "high position" meant "spiritually high position." This does not mean that a person in humble circumstances is in "spiritually high position," does it? -- Virginia W.

**Dear Virginia:** I think the "high position" of the brother in humble circumstances (James 1:9) has to mean his high spiritual position in Christ. He doesn't have a high position in this world. The rich man should be grateful for any circumstance that reminds him that money and position in this world are merely transitory; and therefore, he, too, should glory in his high position in Christ.

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