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# **A Practical Study of JAMES: The Battle of Our Behavior**

## **“Addressing the Tough Issues and Learning to Live It”**

Key Verse 1:4 — *“But let patience be having its complete work, in order that you may be fully developed and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

### **STUDY NUMBER ONE - GROW TALLER THROUGH TESTING — JAMES 1:1-12**

#### **KEY VERSES 1:2, 3**

- v. 1 James, a bond slave of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes, those in the dispersion, be rejoicing.
- v. 2 Deem it pure joy, my brethren, whenever you fall into various kinds of trials;
- v. 3 knowing that the testing of your faith is producing endurance (patience).
- v. 4 But let patience be having its complete work, in order that you may be fully developed and complete, lacking in nothing.
- v. 5 And if any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him keep on asking from God, who is giving to all generously (without reserve) and who does not reproach, and it shall be given him.
- v. 6 But let him be asking in faith without any doubting, for the one who is doubting is like the surf of the sea moved and tossed by the wind.
- v. 7 For let not that man be supposing that he shall receive anything from the Lord,
- v. 8 a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- v. 9 But let the lowly brother be glorying in his high position;
- v.10 but the one who is wealthy, in his humiliation, because as the flower of the grass he shall come to an end.
- v.11 For the sun arises with its scorching heat, and the grass dries up, and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so also the wealthy person will fade away together with his pursuits (projects, undertakings, investments, holdings).

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v.12 Happy is the man who being tested is holding his ground; because, having been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which He promised to those who love Him.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 1:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does James ask us to do in verse 2?

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3. What is the result of the “testing” of our faith in verse 3?

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4. What are we invited to do in verse 5, while we are going through difficulty?

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5. How are we supposed to ask, according to verse 6?

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6. Describe the “double-minded man” in verse 8.

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7. How is the rich man described in verses 10 & 11?

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8. What is the reward for enduring tests in verse 12?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When trials come, our attitude should be joyful expectancy.

LESSON #2: The Lord promises wisdom to relate in a right manner.

LESSON #3: Hang on to your confidence in God no matter what.

LESSON #4: His love is unconditional and unchanging.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWO - GROWTH IS STUNTED BY SIN — JAMES 1:13-18**

**KEY VERSE 1:15**

v.13 Let no man say when he is being tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted to do evil, and He Himself is tempting no one.

v.14 But each one is being tempted when he is taken in tow and lured by his own desires.

v.15 Then when the desire has conceived, it is giving birth to sin; and this sin when it has run its course, brings forth death.

v.16 Stop being deceived, my brethren, beloved ones.

v.17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there can be no change or shadow cast by variation.

v.18 According to His will, He brought us into being through the Word of truth, to the end that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 1:13-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does verse 13 say about temptation as far as God is concerned?

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3. How is a man tempted, according to verse 14?

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4. What two things happen, according to verse 15, when we yield to temptation?

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5. What does James ask us to do in verse 16?

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6. Where do the “good gifts” come from, according to verse 17?

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7. What does verse 17 tell us about God?

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8. What did God use, according to verse 18, to bring us to Himself?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Human nature tends to resist the test and respond to the temptation and God desires the reverse.

LESSON #2: You won't like the test but you will the temptation.

LESSON #3: Temptation does not find its source with the Father.

LESSON #4: Temptation brings forth death.

LESSON #5: Tests come as you struggle and temptations as you are successful.

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**STUDY NUMBER THREE - GROWTH IS PRODUCED BY THE WORD — JAMES 1:19-27**

**KEY VERSE 1:21**

v.19 You know this, my beloved brethren. Now let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.

v.20 For a man's wrath does not bring about the righteousness of God.

v.21 Wherefore having laid aside all moral uncleanness and wickedness, which is abounding, in meekness receive the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls.

v.22 But keep on becoming doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

v.23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, this one is like a man looking at the face of his birth in a mirror.

v.24 For he looked at himself and he has gone off and immediately forgot what sort of person he was.

v.25 But he who has looked into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and has continued in it, not having been a hearer who forgets, but a doer who works, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

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v.26 If any man is thinking himself to be religious, not holding in check his tongue, but is deceiving his own heart, his religion is worthless.

v.27 Religion which is pure and undefiled in the presence of our God and Father is this, to look after orphans and widows in their distress, to keep oneself unspotted by the world.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 1:19-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What three things are we asked to do in verse 19?

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3. Why should we be careful about getting angry, according to verse 20?

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4. What does James ask us to do in verse 21?

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5. How does James illustrate a person who only listens to the Word and does not practice it in verses 22-24?

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6. What is the result of doing the Word in verse 25?

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7. What does James say about the “tongue” in verse 26?

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8. What two things does James say about our “religion” in verse 27?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The key to growth is our response to the Word.

LESSON #2: Discipline is a manifestation of the Spirit's work in our lives and forms the base for victory.

LESSON #3: Discipline, love, and purity are qualities of a growing Christian.

LESSON #4: The control of our words and emotions also reveal the growing relationship.

LESSON #5: It is easy to rationalize when we need to repent.

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**STUDY NUMBER FOUR - LEARN TO LOVE THE UNLOVELY — JAMES 2:1-13**

**KEY VERSE 2:9**

v. 1 My brethren, be not holding the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, while showing partiality.

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v. 2 For if there comes into your synagogue a man with gold rings on his fingers in brightly shining clothing and there comes in also a poor man in filthy rags,

v. 3 and you look upon the one wearing the clothing which is brightly shining, and you say, "You be seated here in a good place," and to the poor man you say, "Stand in that place or be sitting down beside my foot stool";

v. 4 are you not divided in your own mind and have become judges with evil thoughts?

v. 5 Listen, my brethren, beloved ones, did not God choose out for Himself those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

v. 6 But you dishonored the poor man. Are not those who are wealthy exploiting you and they themselves drag you into court?

v. 7 Are they not the ones who are defaming the good (beautiful) name by which you are called?

v. 8 If indeed you are carrying out the demands of the royal law according to the Scriptures, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing what is right (splendidly).

v. 9 But if you are showing partiality, you are committing a sin, being convicted by the law as a transgressor.

v.10 For whoever pays attention to the whole law and yet sins in one respect, he has become guilty of all.

v.11 For He who said: "Do not commit adultery," also said: "Do not commit murder." Now if you are not committing adultery but you are committing murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

v.12 So be speaking and so be doing as those who are about to be judged by a law of liberty.

v.13 For the judgment is merciless to the one who did not show mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 2:1-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What do you think James means by "respect of persons" or "partiality" in verse 1?

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3. Describe how James illustrates this in verses 2 & 3.

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4. Describe the future for the “poor in this world” in verse 5.

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5. What is the “royal law,” according to verse 8?

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6. How much of the law must you break to be guilty, according to verse 10?

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7. How are we supposed to act, according to verse 12?

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8. Have you ever loved the unlovely? When? Give a personal illustration.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: My capacity to love without partiality is an evidence of God’s presence in my life.

LESSON #2: Unconditional and impartial love is a fruit of the Spirit.

LESSON #3: God is not a Respector of persona.

LESSON #4: It is not the outward show but the inward spirituality.

LESSON #5: I reveal a selfish heart when I am partial with my love.

LESSON #6: Showing partiality is a sin.

LESSON #7: God does not grade on the curve.

LESSON #8: Love always wins.

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## **STUDY NUMBER FIVE - FAITH IS DEAD WITHOUT DEEDS — JAMES 2:14-26**

### **KEY VERSE 2:26**

v.14 What good does it do, my brethren, if a person is saying: "I am having faith" and he is not having works? That faith is not able to save him, is it?

v.15 If a brother or a sister be poorly dressed, and in need of daily food,

v.16 and one of you says to them "Be going in peace, dress warmly (keep warm), and feed yourselves; and you do not give them the things needful for the body, what good does it do?

v.17 So also faith, if it is not having works, it is dead by itself.

v.18 But a man will say: "You are having faith and I am having works.

Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

v.19 You are believing that God is one; you are doing well. The demons also are believing and shuddering.

v.20 But are you wishing to know, oh senseless man, that faith without deeds is useless?

v.21 Was not our father, Abraham, vindicated by works in that he offered up his son Isaac upon the altar?

v.22 You are seeing that faith was working with his good deeds, and faith was perfected in good deeds.

v.23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which said: "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to his account for righteousness," and he was called a friend of God.

v.24 You are seeing that a man by works is shown to be righteous and not by faith alone.

v.25 Now in like manner was not Rahab the prostitute vindicated by works in that she entertained as guests the messengers and sent them out another way?

v.26 For just as the body without breath is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 2:14-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does James say our faith should work when someone comes to us with a need, according to verses 15 & 16?

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3. What is the condition of a faith that does not do anything, according to verse 17?

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4. Who else believes that there is one God, according to verse 19?

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5. What Old Testament character does James use to illustrate his point about doing something with our faith?

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6. What name was Abraham given, according to verse 23?

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7. What other Old Testament illustration does James use in verse 25?

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8. State in your own words what James means in verse 26.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is possible to believe and not be a Christian.

LESSON #2: Living faith will reveal itself in Spirit produced fruit.

LESSON #3: The divine equation is Faith + Food = Fruit.

LESSON #4: Faith will reveal itself by being constructively involved in the lives of others.

LESSON #5: As long as you are concerned about doing enough, you probably have not exercised saving faith.

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**STUDY NUMBER SIX - STRIVE FOR TONGUE CONTROL — JAMES 3:1-12**

**KEY VERSE 3:2**

- v. 1 Stop becoming many teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive a greater condemnation.
- v. 2 For we commit many sins. If anyone does not stumble in word, this one is a fully developed man, able to hold in check also his entire body.
- v. 3 Now if we are putting bridles in the mouths of the horses, in order that they may be obeying us, we are also guiding their whole body.
- v. 4 Behold, also the ships, though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, are being guided by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the steersman leads it.
- v. 5 So also the tongue is a small member and it is boasting of great things. Behold, how large a forest a little fire sets ablaze.
- v. 6 And the tongue is a fire, the sum total of iniquity. The tongue so presents itself in our members, staining the whole body, and is setting on fire the course of existence, and is being set on fire by hell.

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v. 7 For every creature, wild animals and birds, reptiles and sea creatures, is being tamed and has been tamed by human kind.

v. 8 But the tongue no one in the human race is able to tame; a restless evil, full of death-bringing poison.

v. 9 With it we are praising the Lord and Father; and with it we are cursing men, who have been made in the likeness of God.

v.10 Out of the same mouth is proceeding blessings and cursings. My brethren, it is not necessary that these things keep on happening.

v.11 The spring is not pouring forth out of the same opening, the sweet and the bitter [water] is it?

v.12 A fig tree, my brethren, is not able to produce olives or a vine figs, is it? Neither can a salt spring give sweet water.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 3:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does James say about “teachers” in verse 1?

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3. Put in your own words the meaning of verse 2.

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4. What illustrations does James use to tell us how little things do big jobs?

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5. What does James say about the “tongue” in verse 6? Look up some other references to the tongue in a Bible concordance for your own personal study.

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6. Has anybody ever tamed the tongue, according to verse 8?

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7. What is James saying in verses 9-12?

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8. State some ways that you can learn to control your tongue.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Our spiritual maturity is reflected by a controlled tongue.

LESSON #2: We will be held accountable for our words at the Judgment seat of Christ.

LESSON #3: The tongue can only reflect one nature at a time.

LESSON #4: The Holy Spirit is the only One who can control the tongue.

LESSON #5: Though little, the tongue can do extensive damage.

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## **STUDY NUMBER SEVEN - GROW IN GOOD JUDGMENT — JAMES 3:13-18**

### **KEY VERSE 3:17**

v.13 Who is wise and learned among you? Let him show by his praiseworthy way of life his works with humility of wisdom.

v.14 But if you are having bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, stop boasting and lying against the truth.

v.15 This wisdom is not the wisdom coming down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

v.16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is disorder and every evil thing.

v.17 But the wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, kind, obedient, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free from insincerity.

v.18 And the fruit of righteousness is being sown in peace for those who are making peace.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 3:13-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How can a wise person show his wisdom, according to verse 13?

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3. What does James ask us to do in verse 14?

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4. What is the result of envy and strife in verse 16?

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5. Describe the “wisdom which is from above,” according to verse 17.

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6. What does James mean by “free from insincerity” in verse 17?

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7. By whom is “the fruit of righteousness . . . sown in peace,” according to verse 18?

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8. What do you think “the fruit of righteousness” is in verse 18?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Wisdom reflects your level of maturity.

LESSON #2: There are two kinds of wisdom: 1) “from above” and 2) “earthly, unspiritual, demonic.”

LESSON #3: Is the wisdom from above characterizing your life.

LESSON #4: Of the eight characteristics of the wisdom from above, how many are now present in your life?

LESSON #5: Wisdom comes from maturity and experiences.

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## **STUDY NUMBER EIGHT - WAR AGAINST THE BIG THREE — JAMES 4:1-12**

### **KEY VERSE 4:1**

v. 1 From what source do conflicts and quarrels among you come? Do they not come from this, namely your passions which are struggling in your members?

v. 2 You are desiring and not having. You are murdering and envying and not able to obtain. You are quarrelling and fighting. You are not having because you are not asking.

v. 3 You are asking and you are not receiving because you are asking with wrong motives, in order that you might spend it on your pleasures.

v. 4 Adulteresses, are you not knowing that your friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would desire to be a friend of the world is being made an enemy of God.

v. 5 Or, are you supposing the scripture is saying to no purpose that He is yearning jealously over the Spirit which He has caused to dwell in us?

v. 6 And He is giving greater grace. For this reason, He is saying: "God is resisting the proud, but is giving grace to the humble."

v. 7 Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil and he will flee from you.

v. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded.

v. 9 Lament and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy into gloominess.

v.10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

v.11 Stop speaking evil of one another, brethren. The one who is speaking evil of his brother, or finding fault with his brother, is speaking evil of the law and finding fault with the law. Now if you are finding fault with the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.

v.12 One only is a Lawgiver and a Judge, He who is able to save and to destroy; but as for you, who are you, the one finding fault with your fellowman?

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 4:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. From where do wars and fightings come, according to James?

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3. Why are we not having the things we are desiring, according to verses 2 & 3?

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4. What does friendship with the world mean in verse 4? How does God feel about it?

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5. What is God's attitude towards the "proud" and the "humble" in verse 6?

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6. What two things are we asked to do in verse 7?

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7. What three things are we asked to do in verse 8?

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8. What will the Lord do for us if we humble ourselves before Him in verse 10?

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10. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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11. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Christian warfare is against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

LESSON #2: If you aren't fighting, you aren't growing.

LESSON #3: The Christian life is a fight all the way home.

LESSON #4: The key to victory is in the power of the Spirit.

LESSON #5: A person living in the flesh cannot expect God to be answering His prayers.

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**STUDY NUMBER NINE - DEVELOP DEPENDENCE ON THE DESIGNER — JAMES 4:13-17**

**KEY VERSE 4:15**

v.13 Come now you who are saying, "Today or tomorrow we shall go into that city, and we shall spend a year there and we shall carry on business and make a profit."

v.14 Whereas you are not knowing what will happen tomorrow and what character is your life. For you are a mist which is appearing for a little time and then disappearing.

v.15 Instead you ought to be saying: "If the Lord wills, we shall both live and do this or that."

v.16 But now you are glorying in your arrogance. All such glorying is evil.

v.17 Therefore, to the one knowing how to do good, and is not doing it, to him it is sin.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 4:13-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the meaning of verse 13?

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3. How does James describe our lives in verse 14?

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4. What should our attitude be, according to verse 15?

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5. Have you ever thought very much about what the Lord's will is for your life?

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6. What are your lifetime goals?

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7. According to verse 16, is it right or wrong for us to brag about our achievements? Describe an "arrogant" person.

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8. Now that we know what is right, what does James say about our failure to do the right thing?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Life is short and temporary. The question is: Who controls it?

LESSON #2: Trust, obedience, and submission are keys to dependence.

LESSON #3: Resistance to the Father's direction is sin. Partial love is sin.

LESSON #4: An arrogant spirit should not manifest itself among believers.

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**STUDY NUMBER TEN - DISCERN THE WAGES OF THE WEALTHY — JAMES 5:1-6****KEY VERSE 5:3**

v. 1 Come now, you rich, wail and cry aloud over your tribulations which are coming upon you.

v. 2 Your wealth has rotted away and your clothes have become moth eaten.

v. 3 Your gold and your silver have become corroded, and their rust shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as fire. You stored up treasure in the last days.

v. 4 Behold, the wages of the workers who mowed your fields, which you have kept back, is crying out and the cries of the harvesters have entered the ears of the Lord of Hosts.

v. 5 You led a life of self-indulgence upon the earth and lived luxuriously. You've fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

v. 6 You condemned, you murdered the upright person; and he is offering you no resistance.

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1. Read James 5:1-6 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. To whom is James speaking in verse 1?

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3. What has happened to the riches that the wealthy were depending upon, according to verses 2 & 3?

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4. What have these wealthy persons done wrong, according to verse 4?

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5. What do you think James means by verse 5?

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6. How much of our wealth can we take with us when we die?

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7. How do you think it is possible to be wealthy and still please the Lord?

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8. If God blessed you with great riches, would He still be first in your life?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: A proper attitude toward wealth reflects your level of maturity as a Christian.

LESSON #2: Contentment with God's provision is the key.

LESSON #3: Can I trust God to meet my needs?

LESSON #4: I will be held accountable for my use of material things at the Judgment seat of Christ.

LESSON #5: Use it but don't abuse it.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN - HIS RE-ENTRY IS ON SCHEDULE — JAMES 5:7-12**

**KEY VERSE 5:8**

v. 7 Have patience, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer is waiting expectantly for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently over it until it receives an early and a late rain.

v. 8 You also be patient; strengthen your hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

v. 9 Stop complaining, brethren, about one another, in order that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing now before the doors.

v.10 As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

v.11 Behold, we are considering fortunate those who showed endurance. You heard of the patience of Job and you saw the outcome which the Lord brought about because the Lord is sympathetic and compassionate.

v.12 But especially, my brethren, stop swearing, neither by the heaven nor by the earth nor by any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, in order that you may not fall under judgment.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 5:7-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why should we be patient, according to verse 7?

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3. Is the Lord coming back again and if so, when, according to verse 8?

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4. What should we be doing, according to verse 9?

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5. What two examples of patience does James give us in verses 10 & 11?

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6. What does James ask us not to do in verse 12?

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7. What does he ask us to do in verse 12?

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8. Have you had any problems along this line?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Our maturity in Christ is reflected in our attitude to His coming.

LESSON #2: Is my life characterized by purity and patience today?

LESSON #3: Is my life characterized by a critical attitude and outbursts of profanity?



**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER TWELVE - PURSUE THE POWER OF PRAYER — JAMES 5:13-20**

**KEY VERSE 5:16**

v.13 Is anyone among you suffering misfortune? Let him keep on praying. Is anyone cheerful? Let him keep on singing praises (making melody).

v.14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call the elders of the assembly and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord.

v.15 And the prayer of faith shall make the sick person well, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

v.16 Be confessing therefore your sins to one another, and be praying for one another, that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person is able to do much.

v.17 Elijah was a man with the same nature as us, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain upon the earth for three years and six months.

v.18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

v.19 My brethren, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth, and someone brings him back;

v.20 let him be knowing that he who turned a sinner from the error of his way shall save his soul from death, and shall remove from sight a host of sins.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read James 5:13-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What are we asked to do if we are “suffering” in verse 13?

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3. What will be the results of the “prayer of faith” in verse 15?

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4. What will the “prayer of a righteous person” do in verse 16?

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5. What illustration does James use in verses 17 & 18?

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6. Has the Lord ever answered any of your prayers? Give examples.

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7. Do you pray very often? When? Do you feel like you are getting through?

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8. What does James say will be the three-fold result of coming back to the truth, according to verse 20?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Prayer can come by faith or by flesh.

LESSON #2: Your prayer life is a reflection of your spiritual maturity.

LESSON #3: Your prayer life tells us how in fellowship you are with the Lord.

LESSON #4: Your prayer life tells us how willing you are to trust Him to handle the circumstances in your life.

LESSON #5: Prayer is communion with the Father.

LESSON #6: Out of this communion and communication with the Father, there comes a oneness whereby we are able to express the deepest desires of our heart.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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