



FAITH THAT WORKS

Study of the Book of James

A Forty Day Devotional

“Faith That Works”

“These are the times that try men's souls”. So wrote Thomas Paine on December 23, 1776. His words were written in the very early, very difficult first year of the American Revolutionary War. His essay “The Crisis” was published to encourage the fledging republic and its citizens to rise to the occasion and seize the opportunities before them. Paine, one of the founders of this New Nation, called the colonies to add works to their ideology (their beliefs).

In 49 AD the Early Church had suffered some very difficult times. The persecution from the religious and government leaders of the day had scattered the Mother Church which was in Jerusalem. One of the Church’s early founders, James, the pastor of the Jerusalem Church, wrote to his scattered flock. He pens for them an important little epistle. As you read it you can almost hear him saying “These are the times that try men’s faith”. Throughout this letter he will challenge these first-generation Christians to have a faith that works. In essence, to add works to their beliefs (their ideology).

In the winter of 2022, we are in the middle of some very difficult times both in our world and in our nation. The Lord’s Church has not been spared from this difficult season. In last 22 months I have seen, without a doubt, the hardest times of my lifetime. In times like these I am wise to turn to the Scriptures for hope and encouragement. I am wise as well to focus on the Bible book of James. It has a lot to say about the practice of our faith, about having a faith that works even when times are tough.

Truly these are the times that try a person’s faith. Join me this January – March as we discover how our Faith Works in such a time as this. I am confident you will be glad you did.

Blessings

Pastor Dave Watson

“Faith That Works”

Introduction:

Welcome to our New Year’s Study of the book of James called “Faith That Works”. What a great way to start the New Year. Please use this 40 Day James Daily Journal to enrich your own spiritual journey. There is a devotional for forty days as well as a weekly memory verse and a quote of the day. Don’t be discouraged if you miss a day or two. Just pick up on the proper date and try and catch up later.

Having a consistent Quiet Time is one of the areas most believers struggle with. Let me encourage to do the following three things:

1. Pick a **period**. When can you and God get together for 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted time. The same time every day will result in consistency and will form a habit in your life
2. Pick a **place**. Where can you get together with God without distractions. This should be a fairly quiet place where you can be alone.
3. Pick a **partner**. We all need someone to keep us accountable. Who can check up on you and help you to keep going with devotional.

Why not settle these three matters before going any further?

My daily appoint with God will be from _____ to _____
at/in _____ and _____ will be
checking up on me to keep me accountable.

May God richly bless us as we travel this road together

In His Service,
Pastor Dave

Week One – Day One

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read all five chapters of James and circle the word “brothers” or “brethren” and then list the chapter and verse that you find the words in below.

Who is the author writing to if he uses this word so much?

Quote of the Day: “The Epistle of James deals with the ethics of Christianity, not doctrine. He is really going to bear down on the practical, but he will not get away from the subject of faith. James was evidently a very practical individual. Tradition says that he was given the name “Old Camel Knees” because he spent so much time in prayer.” – Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week One – Day Two

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read all five chapters of James and try to underline every direct command that you come across. Record the commands you felt were the most significant below.

What role does obedience have in the expressing of our faith?

Quote of the Day: “James’ theme is “faith.” But here faith is not saving faith, or justifying faith. James’ theme is practical: he looked at the lifestyle which is to be produced by faith in Jesus. James knew, with Paul, that true faith generates obedience, and so he gently encouraged the early Jewish church to live a life that was worthy of their profession of Jesus as the Christ.” – Dr. Larry Richards in The Teachers Commentary

Week One – Day Three

This Week’s Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today’s Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read all five chapters of James and try to give each chapter a title. Please list your chapter titles below.

Chapter one	
Chapter two	
Chapter three	
Chapter four	
Chapter five	

Quote of the Day: “James, with its devotion to direct, pungent statements on wise living, is reminiscent of the book of Proverbs. It has a practical emphasis, stressing not theoretical knowledge, but godly behavior. James wrote with a passionate desire for his readers to be uncompromisingly obedient to the Word of God.” – Dr. John MacArthur in The MacArthur Study Bible

Week One – Day Four

This Week’s Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today’s Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read through James again and try to break each chapter up into sections. List the sections next to each chapter below

Chapter one	
Chapter two	
Chapter three	
Chapter four	
Chapter five	

Quote of the Day: “Woven throughout the letter are two themes: persecution from outside the fellowship, and problems within the fellowship. The believers were experiencing trials, and James sought to encourage them. But there were also divisions and sins within the assembly, and James sought to help them confess and forsake their sins. Dr. Warren Wiersbe in Wiersbe Expository Outlines of the N.T.

Week One – Day Five

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:1

Compare Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3, John 7:5, Acts 1:14, 21:18-26, 15:13-29, 12:17 and Galatians 1:19, 2:9 & 12

According to the above verses, who is James?

According to Romans 16:16-18, 22 and Matthew 6:24 what is a servant of Jesus Christ?

Quote of the Day: “Now I do not know about you, but I am confident that if I had been the Lord's half brother on the human side, somewhere in this epistle I would have let you know that. I would have brought in that fact in a very pious and humble way, but I surely would have let you know. However, James does not do that. Instead, he calls himself a bond slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week One – Day Six

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:2-4

According to these verses, how is a Christian to react to trials and testing?

According to these verses, why is a Christian to respond in this way?

Please also read Romans 5:3-5, Psalm 4:1 and Psalm 119:71

Quote of the Day: “One of the best tests of Christian maturity is tribulation. When God's people go through personal trials, they discover what kind of faith they really possess. Trials not only reveal our faith; they also develop our faith and Christian character.”

Dr. Warren Wiersbe in Wiersbe's Expository Outlines of the N.T.

Week One – Day Seven

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:5-11

What promises do we have from God about wisdom?

What does it mean to be a “double-minded man.”

Please also read Mark 11:20-24 and Hebrews 11:6

Quote of the Day: “God is not pleased with a double-minded (lit., “two-souled,”) man who is unstable in all he does, like an unsteady, staggering drunk. The answer from God depends on assurance in God.”
Dr. J. Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Two – Day Eight

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:12

How is the man who endures temptation described?

What is the end result of the one who endures temptation?

Please also read Luke 6:22 and 1 Peter 3:14 and 4:14

Quote of the Day: “When faith is tested and surrounded by darkness, when the waves are rolling high and all seems lost, the child of God knows that this is not the end. It may be gloom now, but it will be glory later on. As the psalmist said “...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” (Ps. 30:5)
Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Two – Day Nine

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:13-15

What is the source of Sin?

What are the steps to sin?

What is the end result of sin?

Please also read Genesis 3:1-7, Matt. 4:1-11 & 1 John 2:15-17

Quote of the Day: “James could not be more explicit – the source of temptation is not God, or even the Devil, but man's own sinful heart. Man is drawn away and then lured to the hook by his own lusts. He is accountable, and no one else! If we are in the grip of lust, the fault is ours and ours alone.”

Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith that Works

Week Two – Day Ten

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:16-21

What error or deception do we fall into by not believing verse 17?

What steps can we take according to verse 19 to minimize temptation?

What is the “engrafted word” able to do for our soul?

Please also read Psalm 119:9 and 11

Quote of the Day: “God doesn't vary, He doesn't change, as the laws of creation reveal. God is not on a yo-yo like a lot of Christians are today – up today and down tomorrow, and round and round they go.”
Dr. J Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Two – Day Eleven

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:22-25

What is the difference between “doers of the word” and “hearers only”?

What is God's Word likened to in these verses (See 2 Cor. 3:18)?

What is the result of abiding in the “perfect law of liberty”?

Please also read Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3

Quote of the Day: “A story from the last century tells how a missionary out in the bush had hung a small mirror on a tree in order to shave. The local witch doctor happened by and curiously looked into the strange glass – and seeing her hideously painted features she jumped back! Immediately she began to bargain with the missionary for the mirror. The man demurred, but to no effect. Finally, realizing that the witch doctor would not be put off, he let her have the mirror – whereupon she threw it to the ground, breaking it to pieces shouting, “There...it won't be making ugly faces at me anymore!” We too have ways to deal with a mirror's truth, and our false ways don't work either.” Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith that Works

Week Two – Day Twelve

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1:26-27

How do these verses relate to being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only?

What are the elements of “true religion” according to James?

Please also read Matthew 25:34-36

Quote of the Day: “Christian faith gives us new perspective on religion. It no longer is a ritual kind of thing, but now is seen to be a response to others that mirrors the concern of the God who is Father to humankind.”

Dr. Larry Richards in The Teachers Commentary

Week Two – Day Thirteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:1-4

What kind of situation is being described?

What would be an example of this same kind of situation today?

How are we described if we do this in verse 4?

Please also read Leviticus 19:15

Quote of the Day: “This is better translated “judges with vicious intentions.” James feared that his readers would behave just like the sinful world by catering to the rich and prominent while shunning the poor and common.”

Dr. John MacArthur in The MacArthur Study Bible

Week Two – Day Fourteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:12 (ESV)

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:4-7

Why is this kind of situation considered unacceptable?

Why is this kind of situation considered insanity?

Please also read 1 Corinthians 1:27 and 1 Timothy 6:18

Quote of the Day: “As James drives home the poor rich/rich poor paradox, he is powerfully asserting that the ground is level at the foot of the cross. This being so, it is absurd to be partial toward anyone. All should be treated equally – as beings created in the image of God. Rich and poor should be accorded equal honor and cordiality. Discrimination or favoritism is spiritually irrational.”
Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith That Works

Week Three – Day Fifteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:8-13

What is the cure for playing favorites?

How should we speak and do?

What does verse 13 mean?

Quote of the Day: “God has ordained unalterable laws. Complete and consistent obedience is required if spiritual maturity is to be attained. The believer is commanded to accept his brother with courtesy, compassion, and consistency.”

Dr. J Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Three – Day Sixteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

”But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:14-17

How is dead faith described?

What should genuine faith produce?

Please also read 1 John 3:17-18

Quote of the Day: “Pious clichés and Christian verbiage are not the evidence of saving faith. There must be a vocation to go along with the vocabulary. You can be very pious and say to an individual, “Brother, I will pray for you, and I know the Lord will provide.” My friend, the Lord put you there as a child of God to do the providing.”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Through the Bible

Week Three – Day Seventeen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:18-20

Can you demonstrate faith without works?

Describe demonic faith.

Please also read Mark 4:14-20 and Luke 4:41

Quote of the Day: “Flimsy faith is dead; so are empty, faithless works. James' argument is not pro-works/anti-faith or pro-faith/anti-works. He has simply said that genuine faith is accompanied by good works. Spiritual works are the evidence, not the energizer, of sincere faith.”

Dr. J. Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Three – Day Eighteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:21-24

How was Abraham justified?

How is faith made perfect?

Please also read Genesis 15:6, Genesis 22 and Luke 5:18-20

Quote of the Day: “Abraham's life thus remarkably exemplifies the impossibility of severing faith from works or vice versa. In his case the two went hand in hand. Works brought faith to completion.”
Dr. Walter Wessel in The Wycliffe Bible Commentary

Week Three – Day Nineteen

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2:25-26

How is Rahab's faith described?

In status how does Rahab contrast with Abraham?

Please also read Joshua 2, 6:25 and Hebrew 11:31

Quote of the Day: “Abraham was patriarch, Rahab a prostitute. He was moral, she was immoral. He was the original Jew, she a Gentile woman. He was upwardly mobile, she was lived in the gutter..... Nevertheless, Rahab developed a towering faith.”
Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith That Works

Week Three – Day Twenty

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 3:1-5

How is the tongue described?

What is the key to self-control over our whole body?

Please also read Proverbs 16:22

Quote of the Day: “Large ships can be controlled by a little rudder which few people even see. A fierce storm may drive a ship, but a little rudder can control it. The tongue can also change the course of our lives. Men have been ruined by the tongue; many the fair name of a woman has been wrecked by some gossipy tongue”
Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Through the Bible

Week Three – Day Twenty-One

This Week's Memory Verse: James 1:22 (ESV)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 3:6-12

How is the tongue described?

What are the problems with the tongue?

Please also read Proverbs 16:27

Quote of the Day: “Small and influential, the tongue must be controlled; satanic and infectious, the tongue must be corralled; salty and inconsistent, the tongue must be cleansed.”

Dr. J. Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Four – Day Twenty-Two

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 3:13-18

How is the wisdom from above described?

How is it displayed?

Please also read Proverbs 1:7 and Galatians 5:22-23

Quote of the Day: “You and I have met many people more capable than us, with far greater knowledge and gifts, some far more accomplished and esteemed. But if they are pugnacious and trouble-making, they are, despite their great abilities, unwise. The wise are peace loving, says God's Word.”

Dr. R. Hughes in Faith That Works

Week Four – Day Twenty-Three

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:1-3

Where do people wars come from?

Why aren't some of our prayers answered?

Please also read Psalm 66:18

Quote of the Day: “James has posed a passionate rhetorical question, “From where wars and where fights among you?” And he answers it with a second rhetorical question which takes us to the heart of the subject: “Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?”

Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith That Works

Week Four – Day Twenty-Four

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:4-6

How are friends of the world described?

What are the consequences of being a friend of the world?

Please also read 1 John 2:15-17

Quote of the Day: “I have never joined any of the clubs or lodges such as the Lions, the Moose, the Elks, or the Rotary Club. I have been asked to join, but I do not join them. I'll tell you the reason. I have enough trouble with worldliness in the church; I do not need to join a worldly organization.” - Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Through the Bible

Week Four – Day Twenty-Five

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:7-8

What three commands are given?

How are the commands related to each other?

Please also read Psalm 73:28 and Hebrews 10:22

Quote of the Day: “Lord, what thou wilt, where thou wilt, and when thou wilt”

Rev. Richard Baxter – Puritan Pastor and Writer

Week Four – Day Twenty-Six

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:9-10

What commands are given?

How are they related to 4:7-8?

Why is humility so important?

Quote of the Day: “When I hear a Christian make light of sin, I have a sneaking notion that, on the side, when nobody is looking, he is indulging in sin. You are not to treat sin lightly, my friend; you are to mourn over your sins. The problem today is that Christians are not mourning over their sins.”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Four – Day Twenty-Seven

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:11-12

What is the command?

Who are we making ourselves out to be if we speak evil of a brother?

Please also read Ephesians 4:31 and Titus 3:2

Quote of the Day: “God not only authored the Law; He also administrates the Law. He serves as both the executive and judicial branches of the divine government. God is King; He institutes and declares His Law. God is Judge; He upholds and enforces His Law”
Dr. J. Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Four – Day Twenty-Eight

This Week's Memory Verse: James 2:23 (ESV)

“And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:13-15

What attitude is being displayed?

What attitude should be displayed?

Please also read Acts 18:21 and 1 Corinthians 4:19

Quote of the Day: “James does not condemn wise business planning, but rather planning that leaves out God. The people so depicted are practical atheists, living their lives and making their plans as if God did not exist. Such conduct is inconsistent with genuine saving faith, which submits to God.”

Dr. John MacArthur in The MacArthur Study Bible

Week Five – Day Twenty-Nine

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4:16-17

How is boasting described?

What is a major criteria for sinning mentioned here?

Please also read 2 Peter 2:21

Quote of the Day: “There are a great many people today who are sinning and don't know it. If you know to do good in certain cases – if you know that you should do a certain thing or help a certain cause – and you do not do it, that is sin.”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Five – Day Thirty

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:1-6

What is the warning?

Who are the witnesses?

Please also read Matthew 6:19-24 and Luke 12:13-21

Quote of the Day: “This is a timely message for us as we all live under the lure of “The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” – the seductive delusion that “you are what you buy.” May the Holy Spirit help us to step inside James' smoldering human spirit, hear the hammer blows as he pounds the arrogant rich, and allow those blows to shape our lives as well.

Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith That Works

Week Five – Day Thirty-One

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:7-8

What are we to be patiently waiting for?

What is it we are to be doing as we wait?

Please also read 2 Timothy 4:8 and Titus 2:13

Quote of the Day: “This is a tremendous statement. The coming of Christ will correct the wrongs of the world.”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Five – Day Thirty - Two

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:9-11

Who are to be our examples of perseverance?

What do we learn from Job?

Please also read Job 42:10 and James 4:12

Quote of the Day: “No bridle is more suited to holding back our headstrong temper than the thought that our imprecation does not go off into the air, but close at hand there is the judgment of God.”
Dr. John Calvin – Reformed Theologian

Week Five – Day Thirty-Three

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:13-15

What is the proper response to every situation?

What is one who is sick to specifically do?

Quote of the Day: “To the sick the explicit instruction is to “call the elders of the church.” James clearly places the responsibility for initiating the procedure on the sick person, not on the church leadership. This does not exclude pastors or elders from suggesting that the sick person consider calling for the healing ministry, but the request must come from the ill.”

Dr. R. Kent Hughes in Faith that Works

Week Five – Day Thirty-Four

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:16-18

What is the promise regarding the effectiveness of prayer?

What example is given for our consideration?

Please also read 1 Kings 17:1 and 1 Kings 18:1 & 42

Quote of the Day: “You are the same kind of person Elijah was. Elijah wasn't a superman; he was “a man subject to like passions as we are.” But he was a man who prayed with passion, and that is the kind of praying we need today.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee in Thru the Bible

Week Five - Day Thirty-Five

This Week's Memory Verse: James 3:2 (ESV)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5:19-20

Is it possible for a believer to wander from the truth?

What are we to do in such a case?

Please also read Matthew 18:15-18 and Galatians 6:1

Quote of the Day: "Wandering ones need to be brought back to the fold. James referred here not to evangelism but to restoration. Revival, not redemption, is in view. The rescue action is of great significance. A lost sheep is saved from destruction and his sins (the sins of the restored one, not the restorer) are covered as if a veil were thrown over them."

Dr. J. Ronald Blue in The Bible Knowledge Commentary

Week Six - Day Thirty-Six

This Week's Memory Verse: James 5:16 (ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”.

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 1 and list some lessons you've learned from the chapter.

Quote of the Day: "The book is concerned with the practical aspects of Christian conduct. It tells how faith works in everyday life. James' purpose was to provide concrete ethical instruction."
Dr. Charles Ryrie in The Ryrie Study Bible

Week Six - Day Thirty-Seven

This Week's Memory Verse: James 5:16 (ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 2 and list some lessons you've learned from the chapter.

Quote of the Day: "The epistle of James demands that Christian faith must be functional. A living faith must be functional."

Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert – Mennonite writer

Week Six - Day Thirty-Eight

This Week's Memory Verse: James 5:16 (ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”.

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 3 and list some lessons you've learned from the chapter.

Quote of the Day: "The disciple has blessing and privileges. He also has duties. James seeks therefore to teach the duties of discipleship and to urge his readers to fulfill them."

Dr. Ronald A. Ward – The New Bible Commentary

Week Six - Day Thirty-Nine

This Week's Memory Verse: James 5:16 (ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”.

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 4 and list some lessons you've learned from the chapter.

Quote of the Day: "Faith without works cannot be called faith. Faith without works is dead, and a dead faith is worse than no faith at all. Faith must work; it must produce; it must be visible."

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson in Talk Thru the Bible

Week Six - Day Forty

This Week's Memory Verse: James 5:16 (ESV)
“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”.

Today's Devotional Reading and Assignment:

Read James 5 and list some lessons you've learned from the chapter.

Quote of the Day: "The general purpose of James was to exhort his readers to support with their lives what they said with their lips."
Dr. Robert Gromacki in New Testament Survey