

Lesson 1: Practical Wisdom for Living Our Faith

Main Points:

- James is a practical book for common issues for living in today's world. (James 1:1)
- Wisdom comes from fellowship with God. (James 1:5-7)
- Faith and Works: The teachings of James and Paul complement each other. (James 2:14-24)

What warning, instruction, benefit or consequence touched / changed you?

Why or how?

Lesson 2: True Wisdom Comes from God Alone

Main Points:

- Trials test our faith, building endurance and spiritual maturity. (James 1:2-4, 12)
- We can ask God for wisdom, and He will give it to us generously. (James 1:5)
- When we ask God for wisdom, we must trust that His wisdom is right. (James 1:6-8)

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Lesson 3: Trials and Temptations: God Uses All Things for Our Good

Main Points:

- In the kingdom of God, the lowly will be exalted. (James 1:9-11)
- Remain steadfast through the trials of this life. (James 1:12)
- God does not tempt us with evil. Only good things come from God. (James 1:13-18)

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Lesson 4: Doers of the Word

Main Points:

- God's people should be self-controlled, patient, and careful with their words. (James 1:19-21)

- God's Word is implanted in our hearts so we can live by His ways. (James 1:21)

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Lesson 5: Living Like Jesus: In words, caring for others, unsustained by the world and favoritism.

Main Points:

- Those who know Jesus control their tongue. (James 1:26)
- Those who know Jesus will care for the vulnerable. (James 1:27)
- Those who know Jesus will remain unstained by the world. (1 John 2:15-17; 1 Peter 1:19)
- True followers of Jesus and the church don't show partiality but love all people. (Galatians 3:28)
- Our goal in life is to be rich in faith, not rich in worldly possessions. (James 2:5-7; Luke 12:13-21)
- Part of loving your neighbor as yourself is not showing partiality. (1 John 4:7-8, 19-21)

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Lesson 6: God's Law and God's Grace

Main Points:

- If you break even one law, you're guilty of the whole thing. (James 2:10-11; Galatians 3:10-11)
- We are judged by the "law" of liberty, not by our ability to keep the "Mosaic" law. (James 2:12-13)
- Those who have been shown mercy will show mercy to others. (Matthew 18:21-35)

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Lesson 7: Godly Wisdom is Shown in Christlike Actions

Main Points:

- The way we live shows whether we truly have faith in Jesus. (James 2:14-19)
- Abraham was saved by faith but showed his faith in action. (James 2:20-24; Genesis 15:1-6, 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19)
- Rahab's action showed her faith in God even from just hearing about Him. (James 2:25-26)
- Wisdom is shown by gentleness and pursuit of holiness. (James 3:13; Matthew 11:28-30)
- Jealousy and selfish ambition are not from God; they are earthly "wisdom". (Philippians 2:1-5)
- Wisdom from above brings gentleness and peace. (James 3:17-19; Romans 12:3, 9-18)

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Lesson 8: The World Versus God: Our Place Before Him

Main Points:

- Unchecked fleshly desires lead to conflict within the church and in our relationships. (James 4:1-2; Galatians 5:13-16)
- God gives us what we need. (James 4:2)
- Friendship with the world is enmity with God. (James 4:4-5)
- In all things we must remember that God is God, and we are not. (James 4:6-10; Proverbs 3:31-35)
- Do not slander or condemn one another. (James 4:7-11; Matthew 7:1-5)
- Only God knows what the future holds. (James 4:13-17; Proverbs 16:1-9)

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Lesson 9: Perseverance

Main Points:

- We can be patient through suffering because one day Jesus will come back. (James 5:7-9)
- It is possible to endure much suffering but remain faithful to God. (Job 1:20-22)

- Godly people don't need to swear by anything; their word alone is trustworthy. (James 5:12)
- A heart full of God's love will speak truth, love, and blessing. The tongue is a small thing, but it can cause major damage or major healing. (James 3:2-9; Proverbs 18:21)
- Only blessings should come from the mouths of believers. (James 3:19-12; Ephesians 4:25-32; Matthew 12:33-37)

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Lesson 10: Prayer

Main Points:

- We can and should pray in every circumstance at every moment. (James 5:13-15)
- Prayer is powerful because it connects us to God's power. (James 5:14-16)
- Followers of Jesus have a heart to bring back those who wander away. (James 5:19-20)

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Are you living out your faith in practical ways?



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