

James

Chapter 1 (1 - 12)

From James, servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. Greetings to believers scattered around the world



You will always have difficulties and things going wrong. When they happen, praise God for them and patiently keep going. Blessed are people who stand firm when trials come. They have proved themselves,

and will win the prize of eternal life which the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Jesus, please give me patience and praise when life gets tough

Chapter 1 (19 - 25)

Be quick to listen, and slow to speak, and even slower to get angry. God's goodness is never helped by human anger. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in your heart and can save your soul. Do what the word tells you. Don't just listen to it. Actively put God's word into practice in your life.

Jesus, help me put your word into practice in my life each day

Chapter 1 (26 - 27)

Don't go thinking you're "religious" while your tongue is out of control. That's the wrong idea of religion. Genuine religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows, and staying clear of bad values.

**Jesus, help me control my tongue
...and help me do more to help the poor**

Chapter 2 (1 - 13)

Don't try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people.

Suppose two men come into your prayer meeting, one beautifully dressed and with a gold ring; the other poor and in shabby clothes.

If you welcome the rich man, and look down on the poor man, you are making a big mistake.

It was those who are poor according to the world that God chose to be rich in faith. So, never make distinctions between classes of people.

Everyone is your neighbor.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

There will be judgment without mercy for people who have not been merciful. But merciful people need have no fear of judgment.

Jesus, help me treat everyone equally and fairly. No favorites

Chapter 2 (14 - 26) Faith and good works need to



go together. Suppose someone is lacking clothes and food, and you say "I wish you well" and do nothing to help them. What

good is that? Faith without good deeds is useless.

Jesus, please help me put my faith into action by good deeds

Chapter 3 (3 - 10) When a bit is put into a horse's mouth, the whole animal is under control. A tiny rudder can control a big ship. In the same way, if you can control your tongue, you can control every other part of yourself.

The tongue is a whole wicked world in itself. It is so hard to control. We use it to bless God, but we also use it to curse people made in God's image.



Jesus, please help me control my tongue!

Chapter 3 (16 - 17)

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony and evil practices. On the other hand, wisdom from heaven is good and peaceful and kindly and considerate. It is full of compassion, and does good. There is no trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. **Jesus, give me**

wisdom. Make me peaceful 300 James

Chapter 4 (7 - 12)

Turn towards God.
Turn away from
the Devil, and the
Devil will run
away from you.
Clean your hearts
and minds.

Be sorry for your
sins. Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will lift you up.

Do not slander one another.

Who are you to give a verdict on your neighbor?

Jesus, help me understand

"the time to judge others is never"



Chapter 4 (13 - 15)

Avoid talking like this: "Tomorrow I'm going to
another town, to do business there for a year".

You don't know what will happen tomorrow.

You are no more than a mist that is here for a

little while, then disappears. What you should say
is: "If it's the Lord's will, tomorrow I'm going to
another town for a year"

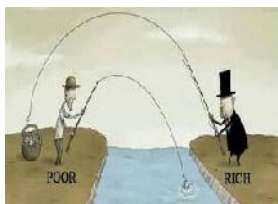
Jesus, help me to remember to say to people:

"God willing, I will see you next month"

**or "Please God, I will see you next month",
rather than just "I'll see you next month"**

Chapter 5 (1 - 6) Are you rich and powerful?

Then start weeping for the miseries that are coming your way. Your wealth is rotting, your clothes are being eaten by moths. And your body also will soon be corroding in a burning fire. You cheated your workers. You lived a life of luxury



without any care for people who were suffering. You condemned and killed the innocent. **Jesus, give uncaring rich and powerful people a change of heart**

Chapter 5 (13 - 18)

If one of you is in trouble, pray. If you are happy, sing a psalm. If someone is sick, send for the



elders of the church. They must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, and this will heal you. The heartfelt prayer of a good person is very powerful. Elijah prayed for rain, and rain came. **Jesus, please help sick people have the opportunity to receive the "Anointing of the Sick"**