

The Epistle of James

James 1 - 5

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Memory groups will meet weekly to recite each assignment. This booklet contains Bible verses arranged in 15 assignments with seven or eight verses to be memorized each week. *The assignment number and Bible reference should be memorized and recited with each assignment.*

Those who prefer shorter assignments may memorize the three verses in each assignment which are marked with the symbol: *, in this booklet. There is a companion booklet for small children containing one verse per week. The verses found in the children's book are marked in this book by the symbol: †.

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Assignment 1

James 1:1-8

- ¹ James, a bond-servant of God
and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes
who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.
- * ² Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials,
- * ³ knowing that the testing of your faith
produces endurance.
- +* ⁴ And let endurance have
its perfect result,
so that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in nothing.
- ⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom,
let him ask of God,
who gives to all generously
and without reproach,
and it will be given to him.
- ⁶ But he must ask in faith
without any doubting.
for the one who doubts
is like the surf of the sea,
driven and tossed by the wind.
- ⁷ For that man ought not to expect
that he will receive anything
from the Lord,
- ⁸ being a double-minded man,
unstable in all his ways.

Assignment 2

James 1:9-16

- ⁹ But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position;
- ¹⁰ and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away.
- ¹¹ For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.
- ¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- +*** ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.
- *** ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
- *** ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.
- ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Assignment 3

James 1:17-23

- ¹⁷ Every good thing given
and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation
or shifting shadow.
- * ¹⁸ In the exercise of His will
He brought us forth
by the word of truth,
so that we would be a kind
of first fruits among His creatures.
- ¹⁹ This you know, my beloved brethren.
But everyone must be quick to hear,
slow to speak and slow to anger;
- ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve
the righteousness of God.
- * ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness
and all that remains of wickedness,
in humility receive the word implanted,
which is able to save your souls.
- +* ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word,
and not merely hearers
who delude themselves.
- ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word
and not a doer,
he is like a man who looks
at his natural face in a mirror;

Assignment 4

James 1:24-27

- ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself
and gone away,
he has immediately forgotten
what kind of person he was.
- †* ²⁵ But one who looks intently
at the perfect law, the law of liberty,
and abides by it,
not having become a forgetful hearer
but an effectual doer,
this man will be blessed
in what he does.
- * ²⁶ If anyone thinks himself
to be religious,
and yet does not bridle his tongue
but deceives his own heart,
this man's religion is worthless.
- * ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight
of our God and Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows
in their distress,
and to keep oneself unstained
by the world.

James 2:1-3

- ¹ My brethren, do not hold your faith
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ
with an attitude of personal favoritism.
- ² For if a man comes into your assembly
with a gold ring
and dressed in fine clothes,
and there also comes in
a poor man in dirty clothes,
- ³ and you pay special attention to the one
who is wearing the fine clothes,
and say, "You sit here in a good place,"
and you say to the poor man,
"You stand over there,
or sit down by my footstool,"

Assignment 5

James 2:4-10

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

7 Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called?

+* 8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

* 9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

* 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Assignment 6

James 2:11-17

- ¹¹ For He who said,
“DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” also said,
“DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.”
Now if you do not commit adultery,
but do commit murder,
you have become a transgressor
of the law.
- * ¹² So speak and so act
as those who are to be judged
by the law of liberty.
- * ¹³ For judgment will be merciless
to one who has shown no mercy;
mercy triumphs over judgment.
- ¹⁴ What use is it, my brethren,
if someone says he has faith
but he has no works?
Can that faith save him?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing
and in need of daily food,
- ¹⁶ and one of you says to them,
“Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,”
and yet you do not give them
what is necessary for their body,
what use is that?
- +* ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works,
is dead, being by itself.

Assignment 7

James 2:18-24

- ¹⁸ But someone may well say,
“You have faith and I have works;
show me your faith without the works,
and I will show you my faith
by my works.”
- ¹⁹ You believe that God is one.
You do well;
the demons also believe, and shudder.
- ²⁰ But are you willing to recognize,
you foolish fellow,
that faith without works is useless?
- * ²¹ Was not Abraham our father
justified by works
when he offered up Isaac his son
on the altar?
- +* ²² You see that faith was working
with his works,
and as a result of the works,
faith was perfected;
- * ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled
which says,
“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD,
AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM
AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,”
and he was called the friend of God.
- ²⁴ You see that a man is justified
by works and not by faith alone.

Assignment 8

James 2:25-26

- ²⁵ In the same way,
was not Rahab the harlot
also justified by works
when she received the messengers
and sent them out by another way?
- ²⁶ For just as the body
without the spirit is dead,
so also faith without works is dead.

James 3:1-5

- ¹ Let not many of you become teachers,
my brethren,
knowing that as such we will incur
a stricter judgment.
- ² For we all stumble in many ways.
If anyone does not stumble
in what he says,
he is a perfect man,
able to bridle the whole body as well.

- * ³ Now if we put the bits
into the horses' mouths
so that they will obey us,
we direct their entire body as well.
- * ⁴ Look at the ships also,
though they are so great
and are driven by strong winds,
are still directed by a very small rudder
wherever the inclination
of the pilot desires.
- +* ⁵ So also the tongue
is a small part of the body,
and yet it boasts of great things.
See how great a forest
is set aflame by such a small fire!

Assignment 9

James 3:6-12

- * ⁶ And the tongue is a fire,
the very world of iniquity;
the tongue is set among our members
as that which defiles the entire body,
and sets on fire the course of our life,
and is set on fire by hell.
- * ⁷ For every species of beasts and birds,
of reptiles and creatures of the sea,
is tamed and has been tamed
by the human race.
- †* ⁸ But no one can tame the tongue;
it is a restless evil
and full of deadly poison.
- ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse men,
who have been made
in the likeness of God;

- ¹⁰ from the same mouth
come both blessing and cursing.
My brethren,
these things ought not to be this way.
- ¹¹ Does a fountain send out from
the same opening
both fresh and bitter water?
- ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren,
produce olives,
or a vine produce figs?
Nor can salt water produce fresh.

Assignment 10

James 3:13-18

- * ¹³ Who among you is wise
and understanding?
Let him show by his good behavior
his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy
and selfish ambition in your heart,
do not be arrogant
and so lie against the truth.
- ¹⁵ This wisdom is not that
which comes down from above,
but is earthly, natural, demonic.
- * ¹⁶ For where jealousy
and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every evil thing.

+* ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above
is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, reasonable,
full of mercy and good fruits,
unwavering,
without hypocrisy.

¹⁸ And the seed
whose fruit is righteousness
is sown in peace
by those who make peace.

James 4:1

¹ What is the source of quarrels
and conflicts among you?
Is not the source your pleasures
that wage war in your members?

Assignment 11

James 4:2-8

- ² You lust and do not have;
so you commit murder.
You are envious and cannot obtain;
so you fight and quarrel.
You do not have
because you do not ask.
- ³ You ask and do not receive,
because you ask with wrong motives,
so that you may spend it
on your pleasures.
- ⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know
that friendship with the world
is hostility toward God?
Therefore whoever wishes
to be a friend of the world
makes himself an enemy of God.
- ⁵ Or do you think
that the Scripture speaks to no purpose:
“He jealously desires the Spirit
which He has made to dwell in us”?

- * ⁶ But he gives a greater grace.
Therefore it says,
“GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD,
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”
- * ⁷ Submit therefore to God.
Resist the devil
and he will flee from you.
- +* ⁸ Draw near to God
and He will draw near to you.
Cleanse your hands, you sinners;
and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.

Assignment 12

James 4:9-15

- * ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep;
let your laughter be turned
into mourning
and your joy to gloom.
- +* ¹⁰ Humble yourselves
in the presence of the Lord,
and He will exalt you.
- * ¹¹ Do not speak against one another,
brethren.
He who speaks against a brother
or judges his brother,
speaks against the law
and judges the law;
but if you judge the law,
you art not a doer of the law
but a judge of it.
- ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge,
the One who is able
to save and to destroy;
but who are you
who judge your neighbor?
- ¹³ Come now, you who say,
“Today or tomorrow
we will go to such and such a city,
and spend a year there
and engage in business
and make a profit.”
- ¹⁴ Yet you do not know
what your life will be like tomorrow.
You are just a vapor that appears
for a little while
and then vanishes away.
- ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say,
“If the Lord wills, we will live
and also do this or that.”

Assignment 13

James 4:16-17

¹⁶ But as it is,
you boast in your arrogance;
all such boasting is evil.

✦✦ ¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows
the right thing to do
and does not do it,
to him it is sin.

James 5:1-6

¹ Come now, you rich,
weep and howl for your miseries
which are coming upon you.

² Your riches have rotted
and your garments
have become moth-eaten.

³ Your gold and your silver have rusted;
and their rust
will be a witness against you
and will consume your flesh like fire.
It is in the last days
that you have stored up your treasure!

* ⁴ Behold, the pay of the laborers
who mowed your fields,
and which has been withheld by you,
cries out against you;
and the outcry of those
who did the harvesting
has reached the ears
of the Lord of Sabaoth.

* ⁵ You have lived luxuriously on the earth
and led a life of wanton pleasure;
you have fattened your hearts
in a day of slaughter.

⁶ You have condemned
and put to death the righteous man;
he does not resist you.

Assignment 14

James 5:7-12

- * ⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren,
until the coming of the Lord.
The farmer waits
for the precious produce of the soil,
being patient about it,
until it gets the early and late rains.
- * ⁸ You too be patient;
strengthen your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is near.
- †* ⁹ Do not complain, brethren,
against one another,
so that you yourselves
may not be judged;
behold,
the Judge is standing right at the door.
- ¹⁰ As an example, brethren,
of suffering and patience,
take the prophets who spoke
in the name of the Lord.
- ¹¹ We count those blessed who endured.
You have heard of the endurance
of Job and have seen the outcome
of the Lord's dealings,
that the Lord is full of compassion
and is merciful.
- ¹² But above all, my brethren,
do not swear, either by heaven
or by earth or with any other oath;
but your yes is to be yes
and your no, no,
so that you may not fall
under judgment.

Assignment 15

James 5:13-20

- ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering?
Then he must pray.
Is anyone cheerful?
He is to sing praises.
- ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick?
Then he must call
for the elders of the church
and they are to pray over him,
anointing him with oil
in the name of the Lord;
- ¹⁵ and the prayer offered in faith
will restore the one who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up,
and if he has committed sins,
they will be forgiven him.
- ✠✠ ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins
to one another,
and pray for one another
so that you may be healed.
The effective prayer of a righteous man
can accomplish much.
- ¹⁷ Elijah was a man
with a nature like ours,
and he prayed earnestly
that it would not rain,
and it did not rain on the earth
for three years and six months.
- ¹⁸ Then he prayed again,
and the sky poured rain
and the earth produced its fruit.
- * ¹⁹ My brethren, if any among you
strays from the truth
and one turns him back,
- * ²⁰ let him know that he who turns
a sinner from the error of his way
will save his soul from death
and will cover a multitude of sins.