

FACTS ABOUT THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

AUTHOR: St James

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PURPOSE: Authentic faith produces an authentic Christian life

MAJOR THEME:
Faith that works



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TOTAL TRUTH: Temptation

James tells us that God will never tempt us with evil. This means that when you are wanting to do something that know you shouldn't, God is **not** testing your will. Rather, temptation comes from the fact that we humans are evil at best, and we want to do what is wrong.

So when we are tempted, its not that some force outside of ourselves is trying to get us to sin. We are just getting a snapshot of what is inside of us. **That snapshot should send us running to God, the only One who can make us better than we naturally are.**

Monday (Read James 1:1-11)

(1) Who is the epistle of James written to?

Reading today's passage choose only **ONE** answer to each of the following questions:

(2) What should we do when we fall into trials?

- (a) Pray to God
- (b) Count it all joy
- (c) Lift our hearts in song
- (d) Kneel before the Lord

(3) What should we do if we lack wisdom?

- (a) Ask God for wisdom, in faith
- (b) Gain understanding by reading the bible
- (c) Learn from our brethren
- (d) Be meek and of a mild spirit

(4) According to verses 9-11, why do you think that we should not be as focused on earning riches whilst on earth as we should be in earning the heavenly riches?

Tuesday (Read James 1:12-20)

(5) Why does James call us blessed if we endure temptation?

(6) Why is it wrong to say that we are tempted by God?

(7) Where does every good and perfect gift come to us from? _____

(8) What 3 qualities does James suggest we need when facing trials? (Hint- verse 19)

Wednesday(Read James 1:21-27)

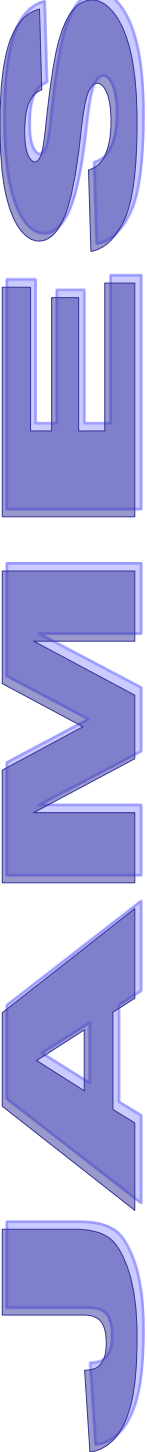
(9) Complete the following sentence:
St James advises that we should not only be hearers of the word but also _____ of the word

(10) According to verse 25, what brings us blessing?

(11) According to verse 26, which small body part does James mention can do, both a lot of harm and a lot of good as well?

- (a) Ear
- (b) Nose
- (c) Tongue
- (d) Hands





Thursday (Read James 2: 1-9)

(12) Complete the following verse: Listen my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world.....

(13) How does James say we should we treat the rich compared to the poor?

- (a) Tell the rich man to take the best seat in your house, & the poor man your footstool
- (b) Do not judge them, but treat them impartially
- (c) Only allow the rich man to enter your house, and not the poor man
- (d) Ask the rich to give of their wealth to the poor

Friday (Read James 2: 10-17)

(14) According to verse 10, What happens if you break one commandment of the law?

- (a) God will forgive you
- (b) You are guilty of breaking the whole law
- (c) God will judge you harshly
- (d) You must repent so that you do not face judgement

(15) According to James, what does mercy triumph over?

(16) What is faith by itself, if it does not have works?

James 2:5- God Promises that you will inherit His Kingdom

Throughout your life, maybe you'll find a lot of money or stumble onto a fortune, or even marry into royalty.

Most people spend all their lives trying to build a kingdom or to win one. They haven't heard the good news that we're already heirs to a kingdom- the eternal kingdom of God- the one that doesn't rot, or fade away or go broke!

How and where are you spending your time? Building a kingdom on earth or building the kingdom of heaven?
The sad reality is that after 3 or 4 generations the earth will forget many of us. Think about it- do you know anything about your great-great grandparents?
As Christians however, we have the opportunity to share with Jesus the Kingdom He has prepared for us- and there we will be remembered forever!

Word Search Puzzle

- Blessings
- Faith
- God
- James
- Judgement
- Mercy
- Temptation
- Tongue
- Trials
- Works

Saturday (Read James 2:18-26)

Reading today's passage choose only ONE answer to each of the following questions:

(17) What does faith require to make it a living faith?

- (a) Repentance
- (b) Baptism
- (c) Compassion
- (d) Works

(18) Which Old Testament character does James remind us, showed his faith by offering his son on an altar to God?

- (a) Abraham
- (b) Jacob
- (c) David
- (d) Solomon

(19) Complete the following verse: For as the body without the spirit is dead, so.....

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