



THE BOOK OF JAMES

INTO THE BIBLE

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:
Greetings.

James 1:1 NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 NIV

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 NIV

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 NIV

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

3 Things That Trials Develop Within Us:

We Develop PERSEVERANCE (James 1:2-4)

We Develop WISDOM (James 1:5)

We Develop TRUST (James 1:9-11)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like to truly trust God in the middle of a trial?
2. Share about a time in your life when God empowered you to persevere through something difficult. What did you learn?
3. In times of trial, do you tend to trust God or fight for control? In what ways do you need to fully surrender to God?
4. What do you need to implement practically in your life to truly be able to have joy in the middle of a trial?
5. How can you begin to take full responsibility in your temptations?

PRAYER FOCUS

Begin everyday in prayer this week. Tell God what is on your calendar and what your concerns are. Ask Him to give you wisdom in everything!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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