

JAMES

Lesson 3

Chapter 1

REVIEW:

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

WARNING with this....

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

He CANNOT tempt us with Evil

James 1:14 But **every man** is tempted, **when** he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

DRAWN AWAY = It begins by us turning from what is right

ENTICED = to entrap, i.e. (figuratively) delude:--allure, beguile, entice. – Taken with the bait!

James 1:15 Then **when lust hath conceived**, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Conceived = to clasp, i.e. seize (arrest, capture); specially, to conceive (literally or figuratively); by implication, to aid:--catch, conceive, help, take.

KEY to VICTORY = ABSTAIN

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Abstain - to hold oneself off, i.e. refrain:--abstain. --- from 575 and 2192; (actively) to have out, i.e. receive in full; (intransitively) to keep (oneself) away, i.e. be distant (literally or figuratively):--be, have, receive.

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Why abstain?

- Because once the "lure" (hook) is implanted, Satan will reel you in!

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James 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

- God ONLY gives us that which is GOOD

This is tied into trials again....

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give** the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, **to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

It is NOT for your purpose, but for HIS purpose!

Example: Joseph

Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God. 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; **but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, **to save much people alive.**

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- The source of Good is God!

He emphasizes our calling and purpose:

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

“Of his own will” - out of his mere good pleasure

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

- “WRATH” in any form, is not Christ-like

Break it down:

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

- Corrupt = _____
- Good to the use of edifying = _____
- Grace = _____

Ephesians 4:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

This takes application:

James 1:22 But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Illustration:

James 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

The Word of God is a mirror!

- It will show us (convict us) of what is wrong

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, **this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

- “seem to be religious” – gives the appearance or thinks himself to be
- “Bridleth not his tongue” – does not control what he says

Result: He has deceived himself

Your religion - ceremonial observance:--religion, worshipping. – IS IN VAIN

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.