

James – the Writer

Addresses himself as – “a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,”

Four men named James in the New Testament:

1. **James, the son of Zebedee and brother of John** (Matthew 4:21), a disciple and apostle of Christ
2. **James, the son of Alphaeus** (Matthew 10:3), called “the Less” or “the Younger”, also an apostle
3. **James, the father of an apostle named Judas** (Luke 6:16)
4. **James, the half-brother of Jesus** (Matthew 13:55) who became leader of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15:13; Galatians 2:9)



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The Letter of James

Addressed to – “To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad:”
(Jewish Christians)

Practical “How to” book for Christians

Doctrinal –

- God is **creator** and **unchangeable** (James 1:17)
- Jesus is **Diety** (James 2:1)
- Jesus is **coming again** (James 5:7-8)
- Jesus will **judge** all humanity (James 5:9)
- **Faith and Works** (James 2:14-26)



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The Letter of James Trials & Temptations

Responding to trials –

• **James 1:2-4 NKJV** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (3) knowing that the **testing of your faith produces patience.** (4) But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete**, lacking nothing.

• Testing of faith > Patience > Perfect



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Responding to temptations –

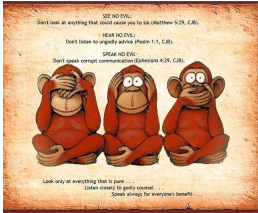
- GOD cannot be tempted nor does He tempt us
- Follow own desires & enticed > desire conceived > birth to sin > fully grown sin > DEATH

• **James 1:12 NKJV** Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.



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Proverbial Wisdom of
3 Wise Monkeys



SEE no evil
HEAR no evil
SPEAK no evil

"Chimney corner scripture"

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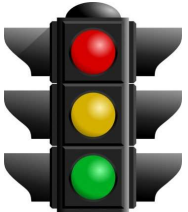
James 1:19 NKJV 10/03/2021

(19) **So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;** (20) **for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.**

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Slow to **WRATH** (Anger)
Slow to **SPEAK**
Swift to **HEAR**

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Swift to **HEAR**




- **GOD's Word**
James 1:21-25; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 13:13-17; Ecclesiastes 5:1
- **In Conversation**
Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 7:12
- **Exclude Partiality** – James 2:1-13
- **Faith & Works** – James 2:14-26

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Swift to **HEAR**



- **Faith & Works** – James 2:14-26

James 2:20 NKJV But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

No contradiction between Paul and James' teaching on Faith & Works

Paul – our position before GOD as a sinner


James – our practice as a Christian (fruit bearing)

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Slow to **SPEAK**



- **Control the tongue** – James 3:5-6
 - ✓Horses – bits in horses' mouth to control them
 - ✓Ships – small rudder steers the ship where the pilot desires
 - ✓Beast, bird, reptile and sea creature is tamed by mankind

James 3:8-10 "But no man can tame the tongue."

- ✓Spring water – fresh or salt water – can't be both
- ✓Fig tree – only bears fig fruit, not olives
- ✓Grapevine – only bears grapes, not figs

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Slow to SPEAK



Act wisely before speaking – James 3:13-18

James 3:13-18 NKJV Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. (14) But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. (18) Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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The Seven-Fold wisdom that is from above:

1. first pure
2. peaceable
3. gentle
4. willing to yield (forgive)
5. full of mercy and good fruits
6. without partiality
7. without hypocrisy.

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Slow to WRATH



• **Be Humble** - James 4:1-10

James 4:10 NKJV Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

• **Withhold Judgment** - James 4:11-12

• **Rely on GOD – not be arrogant** - James 4:13-17

• **Patient when treated unjustly** - James 5:1-12

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Closing Prayer

- **Suffering** – pray
- **Cheerful** – sing psalms
- **Sick** – call the elders of the church to pray over him
- **Confess** – **James 5:16 NKJV** "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
- **Pray** - **James 5:17-18** **Elijah as example**
- **Brother's Keeper (being a fruit inspector)** - **James 5:19-20 NKJV** Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, (20) let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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James 4:7-10

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(7) Therefore **submit** 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.** (9) **Lament and mourn and weep!** Let your laughter be turned to mourning and **your joy to gloom.** (10) **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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You
are the
Bible
the World is
READING

How
does the
World
see
YOU?

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Wake up

call to all Christians

"Get your life in
line with **GOD!**"

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