

James #1

Chapter 1

- 1) What might make you think that most of the Christians James was writing to were Jewish?
- 2) What does the testing of your faith produce?
- 3) What should you do if you lack wisdom (don't know what to do)?
- 4) Will God give you wisdom or will He scold you for being so stupid?
- 5) After you ask for wisdom and think you have received the answer should you act on that or just wait and see (be doubtful)?
- 6) Who is described here as being unstable?
- 7) What example does God use to illustrate the temporary nature of riches?
- 8) Who receives the crown of life?
- 9) Does God tempt people to sin?
- 10) "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and _____ by his own _____."
- 11) Where do all good things come from?
- 12) Put these three in proper order: sin death lust
- 13) "Be quick to hear, _____ to speak, and slow to _____."
- 14) Does it sound like listening is something we ought to concentrate on?
- 15) "The _____ of man does not achieve the _____ of God."
- 16) To "delude yourself" is to "fool yourself." According to verse 23, which Christian "fools himself"?
- 17) Does seeing yourself in a mirror make you change?
- 18) "One who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a _____ hearer but an effectual _____, this man shall be _____ in what he does."
- 19) Who else fools himself in this passage?
- 20) What do we know God considers to be pure religion?

Chapter 2:1-20

- 1) Does God want us to play favorites?
- 2) Is racism a form of playing favorites?
- 3) Do you think most churches treat well-dressed, clean-cut visitors differently than they treat shabbily dressed poor people?
- 4) Should that be the case?
- 5) Which group of people is usually, "rich in faith"?
- 6) What does the ROYAL LAW say?
- 7) How many parts of the law do you have to break in order to become guilty?
- 8) What law will we be judged by?
- 9) The royal law and the law of liberty both refer to what phrase from verse 8?
- 10) Will we be judged if we don't show mercy?
- 11) Since we already have eternal life, will that judgment send us to hell?
- 12) If you have faith and no deeds, will that faith "save you" from being judged for not showing mercy?
- 13) Is verse 13 talking about judgment for eternal salvation or about judgment for Christians who don't show mercy?
- 14) Most people don't consider that the context is talking about real believers. What are the people that he is talking to called in verse 14? (Choose one) brethren gentiles unbelievers
- 15) Isn't he saying that you will be judged if you just tell people that God will provide for them and you don't take action to help?
- 16) Having faith without works is "useless." In fact, this passage says it is "dead" and ask "What use is it?" This isn't talking about faith for salvation but the faith that God will provide for peoples needs. ("Be warmed and filled!") Does the fact that you believe God will provide for people save you from being judged for not helping them yourself?

James #3

Chapter 3:13-18

- 1) "Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the _____ of wisdom. But if you have bitter _____ and _____ ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth."
- 2) What do jealousy and selfish ambition produce?
- 3) The wisdom from above has what characteristics? a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
d) _____ e) _____ f) _____ g) _____
- 4) What might the seed whose fruit is righteousness be? (see Luke 8:1 & I Peter 1:23)
- 5) Should our teaching be gentle or very forceful and overbearing?

Chapter 4

- 1) What is the source of conflicts and quarrels among Christians?
- 2) From verse 2, what is one reason we do not *have* things that we need as Christians?
- 3) Why do we sometimes not get what we ask for?
- 4) How can you be described if you are a friend of the world?
- 5) Who is God opposed to?
- 6) Who does God give grace (favor) to?
- 7) What comes first, resisting the devil or submitting to God?
- 8) What if you submit to God and then resist the devil, what will be his reaction?
- 9) If you feel that God is far away, what should you do?
- 10) "Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom." That sounds pretty negative. Is this talking about being this way all the time, or is it referring to verse 8 and how we need to cleanse our hearts and hands (what you think and do) to draw close to the Lord?
- 11) How can you be exalted?
- 12) Should you speak out against a brother (fellow believer)?
- 13) Who is the only real lawgiver and judge?
- 14) Do you really know for sure what is going to happen in the future?
- 15) What is a better way to say this sentence: "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."?
- 16) When you think about a human being actually doing God's will, it also reminds us of how temporary and helpless we are in the big picture. What are we compared to in verse 14?
- 17) Making plans without considering God is 1) a good idea 2) arrogant 3) OK
- 18) Verse 17 is one of the most important verses in the Bible. Put the verse into your own words!
- 19) Are we often sinning a lot without knowing it?

Chapter 5:1-6 (this is a tough chapter)

- 1) Does James have a pretty strong message for the rich?
- 2) Would you be considered "rich" in comparison to most of the people in the world?
- 3) Read verses 3-5. Do you think that God notices when people get rich by cheating and taking advantage of other people?
- 4) Should we be careful to reevaluate how we earn our money?
- 5) Read verses 6 - 8. Does it sound like most of the believers were rich or poor?
- 6) Mark 10:25 says, "It is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a needle than for a _____ man to enter the kingdom of God."
- 7) Does it sound like most rich people are open to the gospel?
- 8) What could be a reason for that? (Choose one)
 - a) God doesn't like rich people
 - b) Rich people tend to trust in riches instead of God

James #4

Chapter 5:7-20 (a tough chapter continued)

- 1) What should we be looking forward to? a) the return of the Lord b) finally being financially set
- 2) “Do not _____, brethren, against _____.”
- 3) Do you complain about fellow Christians (brethren) very often?
- 4) Do you think complaining about other Christians includes complaining to God?
- 5) Why should we not complain about other Christians? (see verse 9)
- 6) Who are our examples of suffering and patience?
- 7) Who is one of the greatest examples of endurance?
- 8) Did Job’s friends judge him?
- 9) Should they have left that up to the real judge (God)?
- 10) What are two words that sum up God’s dealings with us?
- 11) Should we say, “I swear that’s the truth”? Why not?
- 12) What does verse 12 mean?
 - a) Don’t ever tell the truth
 - b) You should be so trustworthy that no one should ever need for you to swear something is true.
- 13) What does it mean if you have to swear to get someone to believe you?
- 14) Do little lies do any harm?
- 15) What should you do if you’re suffering?
 - a) complain about whoever is causing your pain
 - b) pray
- 16) What should you do if you’re cheerful?
- 17) What can you do if you are sick?
- 18) Do you think people called for the elders every time they had a cold?
- 19) Read verses 14 & 15. This sounds like everyone who is seriously ill can be healed by the Elders of the church. When this was written, the apostles (James is Jesus’ brother) were still around and some people had the power of healing. Do you know of anyone who can heal everybody who calls on them today?
- 20) Will all Christians who are sick ultimately be healed?
- 21) Do verses 16 & 17 make it sound like some of these people being spoken of were sick because of sin?
- 22) If a Christian sins and gets AIDS, can his sins be forgiven?
- 23) Can he be restored to fellowship with God?
- 24) Will the Lord eventually raise him up?
- 25) Will he always recover from AIDS in this life?
- 26) Is it possible that God would do a miracle?
- 27) “Therefore, _____ your sins to one another, and _____ one another, so that you may be _____. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”
- 28) Can a righteous man be effective in prayer?”
- 29) Would it be a good idea to ask a righteous man to pray for you when you have great need?
- 30) Was Elijah different than us?
- 31) What was he able to accomplish with prayer?
- 32) In verse 20, the word for “soul” is the same word translated as “life” in other passages. Does this mean that a man who is saved and then strays from the truth might lose his “eternal soul” or his “physical life”? (hint—see I Corinthians 5:1-5, I Corinthians 11:30)
- 33) According to I Peter 4:8, what would “covering a multitude of sins” indicate?