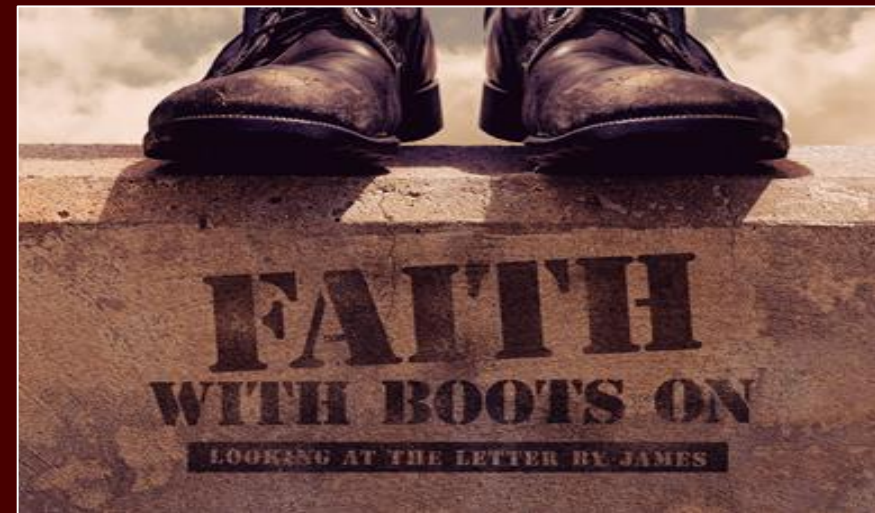
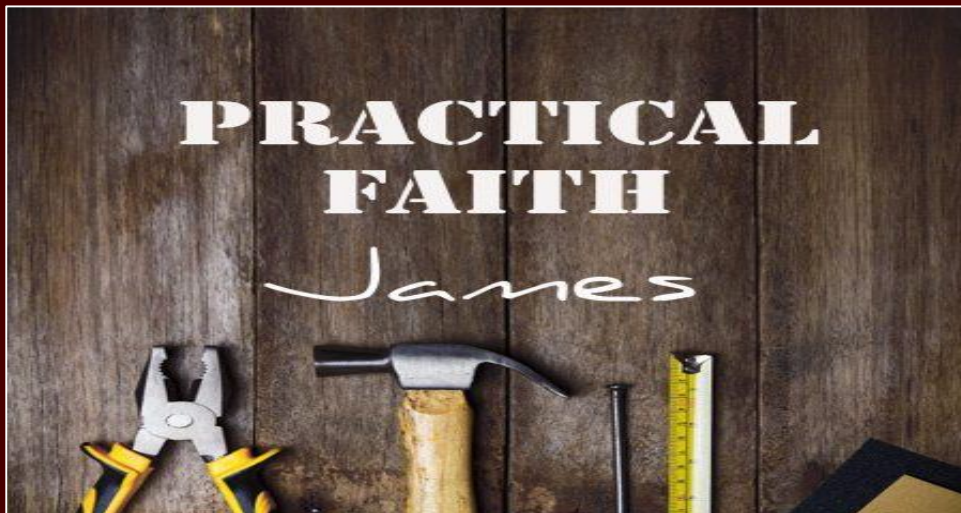
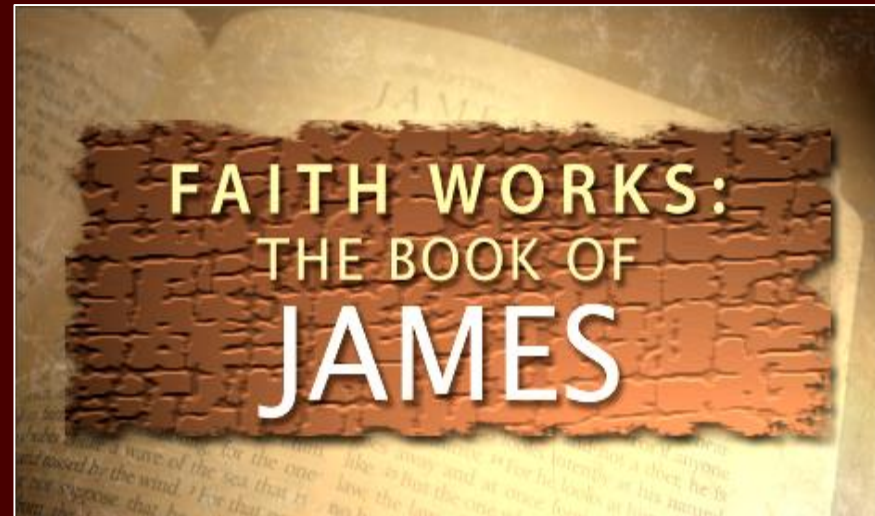


# THE BOOK OF JAMES

## CHAPTER ONE

# VARIOUS APPROACHES





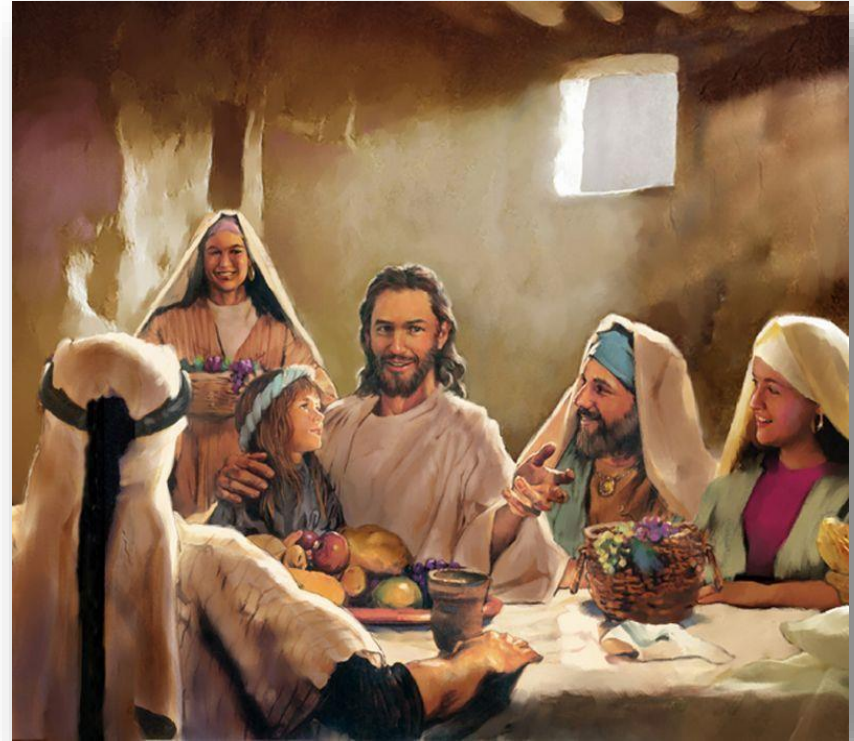
# JAMES

## v.1 Greetings: James

*This James*: *Half-brother*  
to *Jesus* (Gal 1:19).

A Church *pillar* (Gal 2:9).

*Full brother* to Joseph,  
Simon & *Jude* + sisters.  
(Mat 13:55-56)



*Bondservant*: [*Doulos*] a *slave*, literal or figurative  
qualified for service. Used by John, Peter, Paul, Jude.



# JAMES



***Jas 1:1 Twelve tribes dispersed abroad: (Acts 2:9-11)***

***12 Tribes: Never **LOST**, but dispersed. Few rescued (Am 3:12). In NT are called "**Men of Israel**" Act 2:22***



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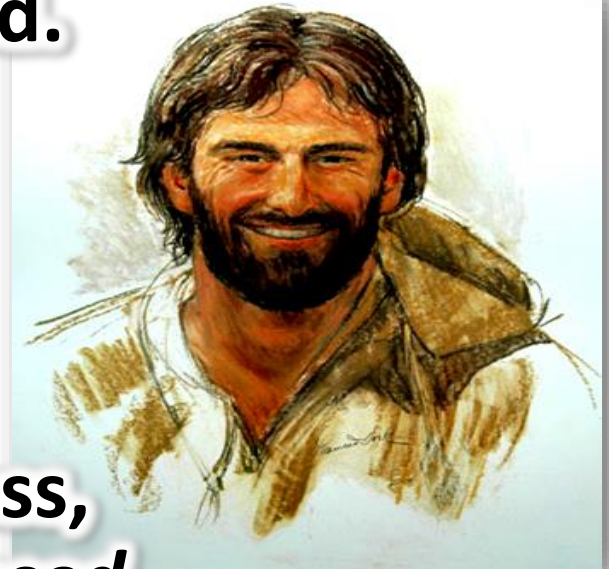
## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:2 Count it all joy, my brethren.. encounter trials  
In ***imperative*** mode = Command.

NIV “Consider it”

My brethren:

Softens a command.



1:2 All joy : [pas ***Chara***) cheerfulness,  
Calm delight. *Strong's*. “As opposed  
*to sorrow.*” *Thayers*. Note ***apostles*** (Act 5:41)



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## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

***v.2 Joy when you encounter various TRIALS.***

Difficult circumstances that test our faithfulness, loyalty, moral principles and commitment to God.

Health issues of ***others*** (Gal 4:14).

Trials by ***persecution*** (1 Pet 4:12).

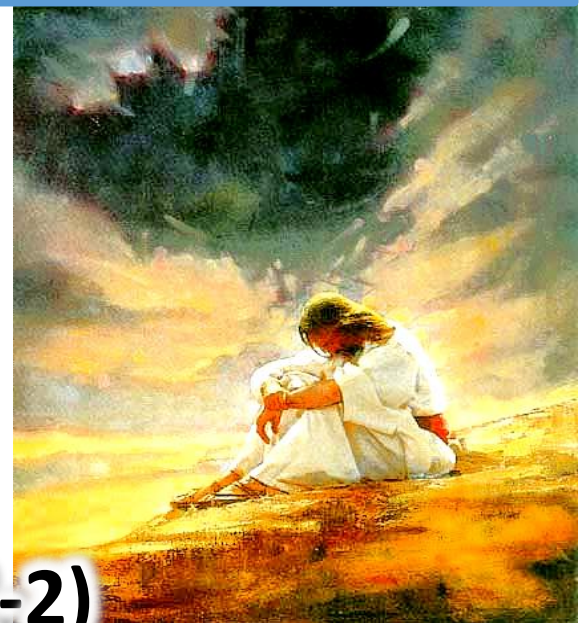
***Poverty or calamity of any kind:***

Financial ***devastation*** (Job 1:13-17)

Death of ***loved ones*** (Job 1:18-19).

Loss of one's ***own health*** (Job 2:7).

Loss of ***friendships*** (Job 15:4-6; 17:1-2)





# JAMES

## ***A Victim or Learned to Live as Victor?***

1:2 ***Count it all joy when ..encounter various trials.***

Not “If” but “When.” ***Inevitable*** (2 Tim 3:12)

If people that say Christian life has no trials,  
they either lie or doesn't know their Bible.

The ***TRIALS*** don't produce joy,  
but ***Knowing*** the *result* does!

James 1:3 ***KNOWING*** that  
the testing of your faith  
***PRODUCES ENDURANCE.***





# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

Sometimes we mess  
things up



Sometimes life just  
happens



v.2 We are not joyful because we are ***SUFFERING***..

Paul was ***depressed*** missing Titus (2 Cor 7:6).

Jesus was in ***agony*** on Gethsemane (Luke 22:44).

Paul said “***Weep*** w/ those who weep.” (Rom 12:15)

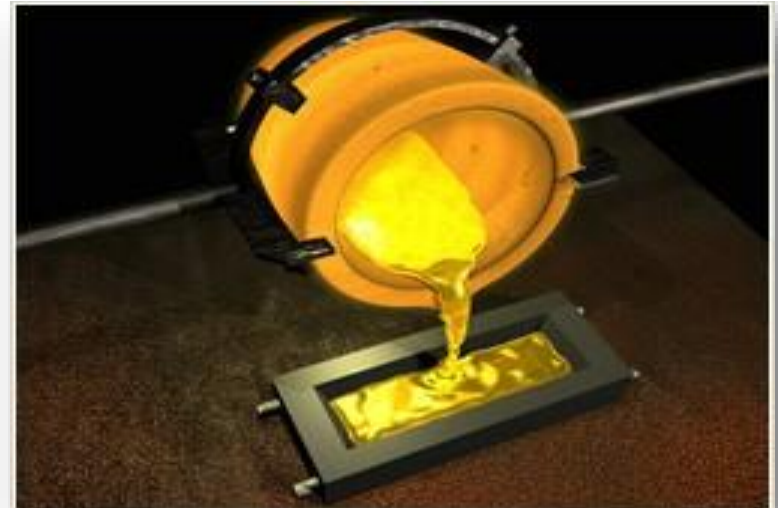


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## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:3 Knowing that... [Ginosk·ontes] “A prolonged form of a primary verb [*present participle*] to “know” (***absolutely***). *Strongs*

1:3 That the Testing of your faith— [Dok·i·mos].  
*Kittle*: “Battle-tested, reliable, trustworthy.”



Notice (1 Pet 1:7) “Gold ***refined*** by fire.” Purified.

# JAMES

## The Source of Temptation (1:2–12)

“Archeologists have found the word “*dokimos*” on the bottom of many ancient pieces of pottery unearthed in their digs in the Middle East.”

“*Dokimos*” meant *tested and approved*: the particular piece of *pottery had been through the furnace without cracking* and was a quality piece of pottery.” *Biblebreath.wordpress.com*



δοκιμος

Fire wasn't to hurt the pottery but *strengthen* it.



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial (1:2-12)***

1:3 “Knowing that the testing of your faith produces Endurance.” 5281 [hupomone]  
*Used over 30X in NT. (Heb 12:1) Run race.*

“In the N. T. the characteristic of a man who is ***unswerved from his deliberate purpose & his loyalty to faith*** ... by even the greatest trials & sufferings.” *Thayer*





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## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:4 Let endurance have its perfect result.

JFB: "Have its *full effect*."

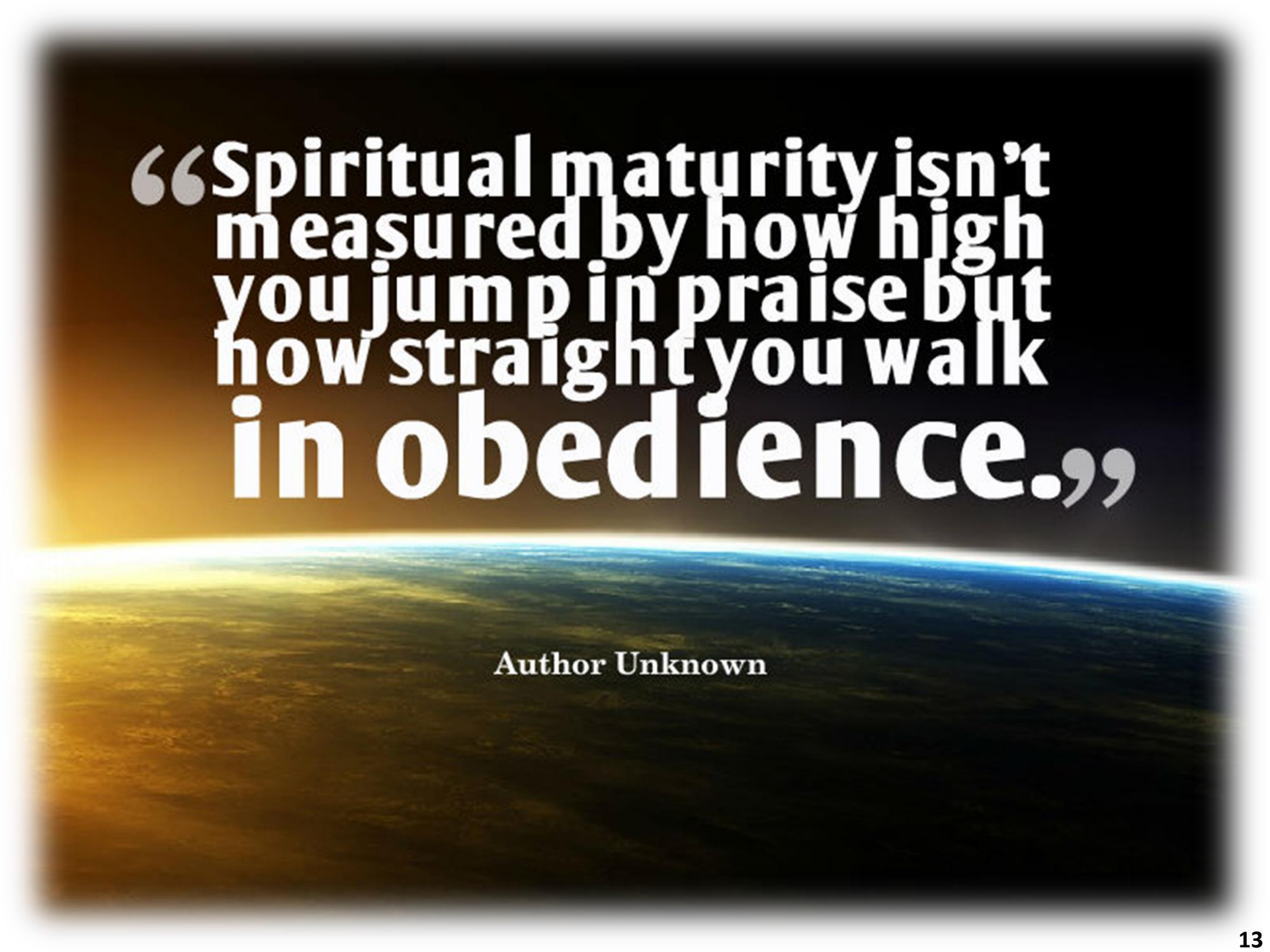
Perseverance *produces*  
*Spiritual Maturity*.



1:4 That you may be Perfect, entire, lack in nothing  
[Telios] Not flawless, but full-grown, complete.

- ☐ It is no shame to be a baby, if you were born a few months ago. But if a person has been a child of God for several years and has not grown, there is a problem.





**“Spiritual maturity isn’t  
measured by how high  
you jump in praise but  
how straight you walk  
in obedience.”**

**Author Unknown**

# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:5 “But if any of you Lacks Wisdom, let him ask..”

**Context**: Wisdom in  
how to face your *trials*!

You can pray about any  
thing (Mat 7:7) “Asks..”

But **This Verse** doesn't  
deal with jet engines;  
politics, higher math or quantum physics.







What **KIND** of Wisdom?

“The kind of wisdom which they would need in their trials, to enable them to bear them in a proper manner.”

*Barnes*

“And who is there that does not want wisdom under any great trials to guide him in his judging of things.” *Mat Henry*

JAMES 1:5

Ps 25:9 “He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches them His way.”



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:5 “Who gives to all men a) generously b) and without reproach & c) ***it will be given to him.***”  
[Future, passive, indicative]

# Wisdom

***How does it arrive?*** Idea occur. Hear a sermon.  
Read Article. Find a passage that applies.  
Christian friends gives godly counsel.



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

James 1:5 Let him ask of  
God ...who gives to all  
men ***generously*** and  
***without reproach***,  
and it will be  
given to him.

***Reproach*** [3679 O·ne·idiz·o] without criticism.



# JAMES

**1:6 Ask in faith without any *doubting*.**

*[diakrino] "Think that something may not be true or certain, to doubt, to be uncertain about." Louw*

***HOW** to do this...*

***Live by** a faith that is **receptive** to God's will.*

***Allow God** to **take us** into uncharted territory.*

***Ok not** knowing **where** this adventure will end.*

***Don't know** **how** God will work out the details.*

***Don't know** **when** this situation will be settled.*

***Don't know** **why** God is allowing the circumstance.*

*And **ultimately** it's **ok** with us.*



# JAMES

1:6 “For the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.”

“The wave of the sea has no stability. It is at the mercy of every wind. So he that comes to God with unsettled convictions and hopes, is liable to be driven about by every new feeling that may spring up in the mind.” *Barnes*

“At one moment, hope and faith impel him to come to God. Then the mind is at once filled with uncertainty and doubt, and the soul is agitated and restless as the ocean.” *Barnes*



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

**1:7** “For that man *ought not to expect that he will receive anything* from the Lord..



v8 being a ***double-minded*** [dip · Suchos] 2-spirited; unstable in all his ways. wavering, uncertain.” *Thayer*

“One who is wavering or inconstant, no settled principles; who is controlled by passion; influenced by popular feeling; inclined to one opinion or course of conduct, and now to another.” *Barnes*



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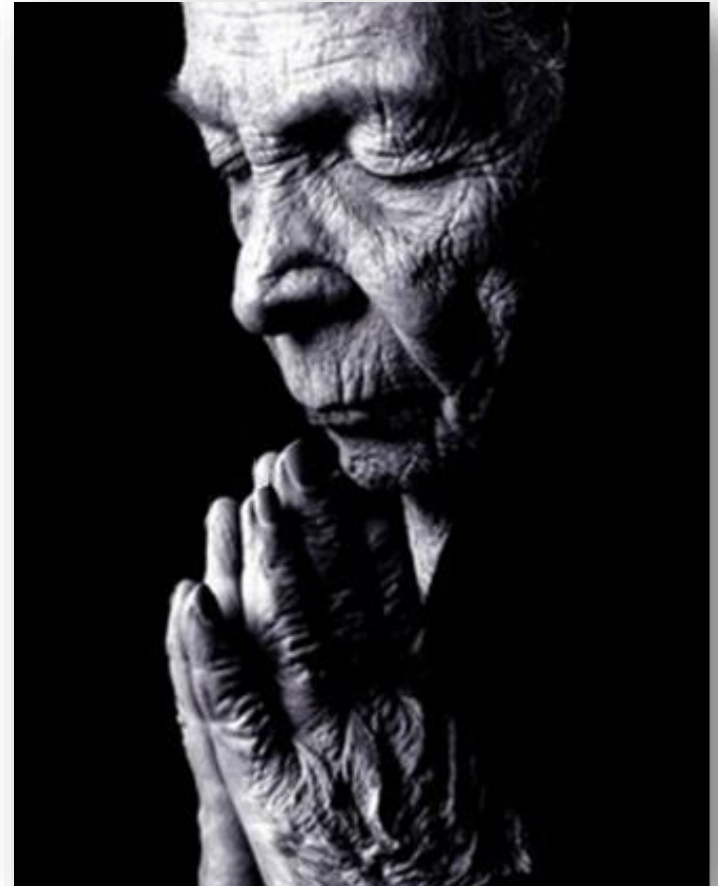
## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

James 1:9 But let the brother of ***humble circumstances...***

***Tapeinos:*** “Discouraged, lacking in hope, with the... implication of low social status.” (Louw & Nida)

***“Insignificant, weak, & poor.”***

Kittle: Theological Dictionary of NT



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:9 “Brother  
of low circum-  
stances, ***Glory***  
in ***his high***  
***position.***”

Adopted as  
sons of the  
Most High.  
(Eph 1:5)



“And not to grieve  
unduly for a less  
prosperous state  
of life.” *Calvin*

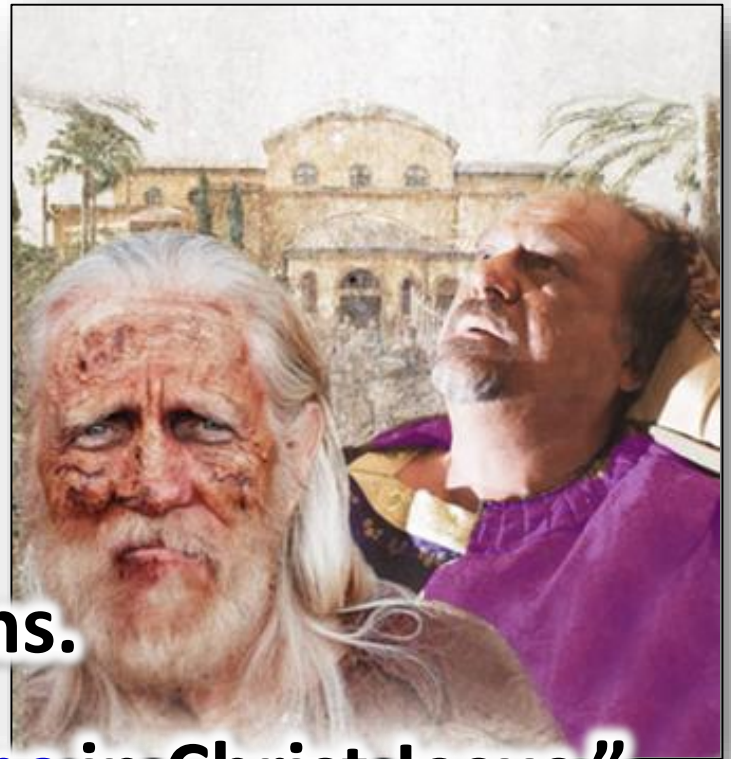


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## *Persevering Under Trial* (1:2-12)

1:10 “And let the rich man *glory in his humiliation*, because like flowering grass he will pass away.”

*Rich are made lowly*  
*[Tapinos]* by loss of rank in being equal with all Christians.



(Gal 3:28) “For *you are all one* in Christ Jesus.”  
*When physical riches pass, you have eternal ones.*



# JAMES

## *Persevering Under Trial* (1:2-12)



**1:11** For the sun rises with a scorching wind, and *withers the grass; and its flower falls off*, and the *beauty of its appearance is destroyed*; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.



# JAMES

## ***Persevering Under Trial*** (1:2-12)

1:12 ***"Blessed  
is a man who  
perseveres  
under trial;  
for once  
he has been  
approved."***

*"Let No Hero Be Forgotten"*

(2 Cor 8:22)  
"Brother we  
have often  
tested  
[dokimazo]  
& found  
diligent."

***"Approved"*** [dokimos]. Kittle: "Battle-tested,  
reliable, trustworthy." (1 Pet 1:7) Fire-proven.

# JAMES

## *Persevering Under Trial* (1:2-12)

1:12 “He will  
receive the  
*crown of life*”

1:12 “which  
the Lord has  
*promised* to  
those who  
love Him.  
(Mark 10:30)

“**Crown**” *Stephanos*.  
“The most significant  
uses were the...”

*Olympic laurel and  
victory wreath  
of the Roman  
Conqueror.”*

*Thayer*





# JAMES

## How To Study James (Review)

1. **Keep** a **notebook**: Write out your study notes.
2. **Read** it through, **5 Chapters in 1 sitting** & make notes.
3. **Read** the **chapter** you are studying, several days ea wk.  
It takes 3 min. Try modern translations too.
4. **Record questions** each verse raises in your mind.
5. **Look up** and define **unfamiliar words** in the text.
6. **Note & link key words/ repeating words** in this chap.
7. **Ask** yourself— “How does this **apply** to me?”
8. **Highlight passages** you think are **important** in Bible.

