

THE BOOK OF

James



PRACTICAL WISDOM
FOR LIFE IN CHRIST



Wisdom that works.

Faith that shows.



A SOAP BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

James 1:22

This study belongs to:



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SCRIPTURE

Read James 1. Write the key verse(s) or passage that stands out to you.

O

OBSERVATION

What do you notice about God, people, faith, wisdom, commands, warnings, or promises?

A

APPLICATION

How should this truth shape your thoughts, words, choices, relationships, or obedience today?

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PRAYER

Respond to God. Ask for wisdom and grace to live what you have learned.





MAIN POINTS

- Trials can become opportunities for steadfastness and spiritual maturity.
- God invites believers to ask Him for wisdom in faith.
- Hearing Scripture is incomplete without obedience.
- Quick listening, careful speech, and self-control reflect mature faith.
- Pure religion includes compassionate care and personal holiness.

KEY TAKEAWAY

When trials come, seek God's wisdom and respond to His Word with active obedience.

REFLECT

What truth from James 1 is God asking me to practice rather than merely hear?





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Read James 2. Write the key verse(s) or passage that stands out to you.

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MAIN POINTS

- Favoritism contradicts the command to love our neighbor.
- Mercy should shape the way believers treat others.
- Faith that never produces obedient action is lifeless.
- Abraham and Rahab illustrate faith demonstrated through action.
- Genuine faith becomes visible in love, mercy, and obedience.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Living faith is not passive; it expresses trust in God through concrete acts of obedience and mercy.

REFLECT

Where can I put my faith into action this week?





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Read James 3. Write the key verse(s) or passage that stands out to you.

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MAIN POINTS

- Words are small but possess great power.
- The tongue can bless God and wound people made in His likeness.
- Spiritual maturity includes learning to govern our speech.
- Earthly wisdom produces envy and disorder.
- Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, merciful, and sincere.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Godly wisdom can be heard in gracious speech and seen in a peaceable life.

REFLECT

What words, habits, or attitudes in my speech need God's correction?





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Read James 4. Write the key verse(s) or passage that stands out to you.

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MAIN POINTS

- Disordered desires can fuel conflict.
- Pride resists God, while humility receives grace.
- Believers are called to submit to God and resist the devil.
- Drawing near to God includes repentance and wholehearted devotion.
- Our plans should remain humbly submitted to the Lord's will.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Humility brings our desires, decisions, and future plans under God's gracious rule.

REFLECT

What area of my life needs greater surrender and humility before God?





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SCRIPTURE

Read James 5. Write the key verse(s) or passage that stands out to you.

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OBSERVATION

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MAIN POINTS

- Believers are called to patient endurance while waiting on the Lord.
- The prophets and Job provide examples of steadfastness in suffering.
- Prayer belongs in suffering, joy, sickness, confession, and restoration.
- The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
- Christian community includes helping wandering believers return to truth.

KEY TAKEAWAY

A mature life of faith waits patiently, prays faithfully, and lovingly helps restore others.

REFLECT

Where is God calling me to be patient, prayerful, or purposeful?

