



**JAMES**



“The book of James demands that Christian  
faith must be functional.”

- *D. Edmond Heibert*



# The Epistle of James

- The “Proverbs” of the New Testament
- More like a sermon than a letter
- Emphasis on Christian living more than doctrine
- Highest frequency of commands of any NT book  
(54 commands in 108 verses)





# The Epistle of James

- Trials
- Money
- Anger
- Obedience
- Prayer

Temptation

Power of our words

Favoritism

Suffering

Helping those in need





**WARNING**





**JAMES 1:1** *niv*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:  
Greetings.



**JAMES 1:2** *niv*

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whenever you face trials of many kinds...





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a trial into a blessing.





# James 1:2-12

Attitude in Trial (v. 2)

Advantage in Trial (v. 3-4)

Assistance in Trial (v. 5-12)





# Attitude in Trial

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# Advantage in Trial

**James 1:3-4 *niv***

...because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.





### **Romans 5:3-4 *niv***

...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

### **1 Peter 1:6-7 *niv***

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.





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# Assistance in Trial

**James 1:5 *niv***

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,  
who gives generously to all without finding fault,  
and it will be given to you.





# Assistance in Trial

## James 1:6-8 *niv*

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.





# Assistance in Trial

## James 1:9-11 *niv*

Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>10</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wildflower.

<sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.





**JAMES 1:12** *niv*

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because,  
having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of  
life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.





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