

COMMANDS,
TRUTHS &
PROMISES OF
JAMES

Welcome

Welcome to Commands, Truths & Promises of James! We will read through James, applying what we learned from the How to Read the Bible for Yourself seminar. In case you missed it or need a refresher, you can find the videos at KathrynEntrekin.com/ForYourself or using the QR code below:



The Book of James

The book of James is attributed to James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the church at Jerusalem. It is a book of wisdom, heavily influenced by Jesus's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and the book of Proverbs. For a video of the book's context, check out the Bible Project video at the link/QR code below:



BibleProject.com/videos/james

Enjoy!

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Day 1: Overview

Read James 1:1.

- Who is the author of this book and what do you learn about him?

- To whom is he writing?

- Is his primary audience Jewish or Gentile?

- Why might they be dispersed abroad?

- Read James 1 at least twice. What words or phrases are repeated?

Day 2: James 1:2-11

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the passage once.
- Reread the passage and list the commands (tells you what to do or not do) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help. (Example: Father, please help me to be more aware of when sin calls me away from you. Help me to recognize when I find it attractive and change my heart to long for your wisdom instead of the flashy beauty of sin.)

Day 3: James 1:12-18

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Day 4: James 1:19-27

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- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 5: James 2:1-13

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- Reread the passage and list the commands (tells you what to do or not do) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 5:46-48. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 6: James 2:14-26

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the passage once.
- Reread the passage and list the commands (tells you what to do or not do) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 7:21-27. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 7: James 3:1-12

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the passage once.
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- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Luke 6:43-45. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 8: James 3:13-18

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- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 5:3-11. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 9: James 4:1-12

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the passage once.
- Reread the passage and list the commands (tells you what to do or not do) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 6:24 and 12:36-37. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 9: James 4:13-17

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the passage once.
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- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 6:28-34. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 10: James 5:1-12

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- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 6:19-21; 24:13; 5:37. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

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Day 11: James 5:13-20

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

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- Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):

- Read Matthew 21:21-22; 18:15. How does this help your understanding of the passage from James?

- What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?

- Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.

- Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.

Day 12 & 13: James 1-5

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.

- Read through the whole book in 1-2 sittings.
- Summarize chapter 1.

- Summarize chapter 2.

- Summarize chapter 3.

- Summarize chapter 4.

- Summarize chapter 5.

- Write out a prayer responding to what you learned from this study and what questions you still have.

Next steps:

If you would like to keep digging in the book of James, get a notebook and apply the daily questions to the Sermon on the Mount & Proverbs 1-9. Then come back and see what fresh insights you have as you read and study the book of James again.

<p>Daily reading plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Matthew 5:1-16● Matthew 5:17-32● Matthew 5:33-48● Matthew 6:1-15● Matthew 6:16-24● Matthew 6:25-34● Matthew 7:1-12● Matthew 7:13-29● Proverbs 1:1-16● Proverbs 1:17-33● Proverbs 2:1-10● Proverbs 2:11-22● Proverbs 3:1-18● Proverbs 3:19-35● Proverbs 4:1-13● Proverbs 4:14-27● Proverbs 5:1-12● Proverbs 5:13-23● Proverbs 6:1-19● Proverbs 6:20-35● Proverbs 7:1-12● Proverbs 7:13-27● Proverbs 8:1-18● Proverbs 8:19-36● Proverbs 9:1-9● Proverbs 9:10-18	<p>Daily questions:</p> <p>Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand, interpret, and apply what you read today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read through the passage once.● Reread the passage and list the commands (tells you what to do or not do) (if there are several, choose 3-5):● Reread the passage and list the truths (statement of fact) (if there are several, choose 3-5):● Reread the passage and list the promises (if there are several, choose 3-5):● What do you learn about living out your faith from this passage?● Write out an application statement using what you learned about living out your faith.● Write out your application in the form of a prayer, confessing sin or asking God for help.
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Further Resources:

If you would like to keep learning how to be a better student of the Bible, here are some great resources:

Simeon Trust Online Courses

<https://simeontrust.org/courses/first-principles-women/>



Women of the Word

Book by Jen Wilkin

Help Me Teach the Bible

Podcast by Nancy Guthrie