

The Book of James Review

Chapters 1 through 5

Confident Stand Compassionate Service Careful Speech Contrite Submission Concerned Sharing

This packet reinforces the principal teachings, contrasts, and memory verses from the five chapter studies. Complete the questions without looking at the answer key, review the explanations, and return to the cited passages when an answer is unclear. The goal is not merely to remember information, but to recognize the kind of living faith James calls believers to practice.

How to Use This Packet



1. Read the chapter summary and the six key teachings. 2. Recite the memory verse or explain its main idea. 3. Answer the six questions without using notes. 4. Check the answer key only after completing the chapter. 5. Revisit the passage behind every missed answer.

What to Know for the Final Assessment

- The five chapter movements and what each says about the Christian life.
- The central contrasts in each chapter, including trials and temptation, faith and dead profession, wisdom from above and below, pride and humility, and unjust wealth and concerned sharing.
- The chapter memory verses and the passages that support each key teaching.
- How living faith appears in conduct, speech, submission, prayer, mercy, and restoration.

James at a Glance

Chapter	Movement	Christian Life	Memory	Core Focus
1	Confident Stand	What a Christian has	James 1:22	Trials, wisdom, temptation, and obedient hearing
2	Compassionate Service	What a Christian does	James 2:17	Impartial love, mercy, and faith made visible
3	Careful Speech	What a Christian says	James 3:17	Accountable speech and wisdom from above
4	Contrite Submission	What a Christian feels	James 4:8	Humility, repentance, guarded speech, and dependent plans
5	Concerned Sharing	What a Christian gives	James 5:16	Justice, endurance, prayer, and restoration

Readiness Check

☐ I can name the movement of each chapter.

☐ I can explain how faith becomes visible in action.

☐ I can contrast wisdom from above with wisdom from below.

☐ I can explain the path from pride and conflict to humble submission.

☐ I can describe the church's responsibilities in suffering, prayer, confession, and restoration.

James Chapter 1

Confident Stand What a Christian has



Central Teaching

James chapter 1 calls believers to stand confidently in God rather than in themselves. Trials can produce endurance, God gives wisdom to those who ask in undivided faith, and the Word must be received and obeyed. Genuine religion becomes visible through restrained speech, compassionate care, and an unspotted life.

Key Teachings

Passage	Teaching to Remember
1:2–4	Trials can produce endurance and mature character when they are met with faith.
1:5–8	Wisdom is requested from God with an undivided heart rather than a wavering mind.
1:13–16	God is not the author of evil; temptation grows when desire draws and entices.
1:17–18	Every good gift comes from the unchanging Father, who brings forth His people by the Word of trut
1:19–25	The Word is heard, humbly received, remembered, and completed through obedience.
1:26–27	Pure religion joins a bridled tongue, compassionate care, and separation from the world's corruption

Memory Verse

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Chapter 1 Test Your Understanding

Score _____ / 6

Answer without using the study notes. Use the cited chapter passages when reviewing missed questions.

1. When faith is tested by trials, what should the testing produce?

A. Comfort without change
B. Patience and endurance leading toward maturity
C. Suspicion toward other believers
D. Public recognition

2. What should a believer do when wisdom is lacking?

A. Ask God in faith
B. Follow the majority without question
C. Hide the need from others
D. Wait until the trial disappears

3. According to James 1:13–16, where does temptation to evil develop?

A. From God testing people with evil
B. From a person's own desire drawing and enticing
C. Only from difficult circumstances
D. Only from other people

4. The hearer who does not obey the Word is compared to whom?

A. A farmer waiting for rain
B. A traveler without a map
C. A man who sees himself in a mirror and then forgets
D. A servant awaiting instructions

5. True or False: James teaches that God is the source of temptation to evil.

Answer: True False

6. Name the three marks of pure religion in James 1:26–27.

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Passages to Revisit

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James Chapter 2

Compassionate Service What a Christian does



Central Teaching

James chapter 2 exposes partiality, empty words, and a profession of faith that refuses to act. The royal law commands love of neighbor, mercy shapes speech and conduct, and obedient works make living faith visible. Works do not earn salvation; they demonstrate the reality of faith.

Key Teachings

Passage	Teaching to Remember
2:1–7	Faith in the Lord of glory cannot rank people by wealth, clothing, status, or usefulness.
2:8–11	The royal law requires love of neighbor and refuses selective obedience.
2:12–13	Believers speak and act under the law of liberty; mercy triumphs over judgment.
2:14–17	Kind words without practical help cannot meet a brother or sister's need and reveal dead faith.
2:18–24	Abraham's obedience shows faith acting and reaching mature expression.
2:25–26	Rahab acts courageously; as the body without the spirit is dead, faith without works is dead.

Memory Verse

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Chapter 2 Test Your Understanding

Score _____ / 6

Answer without using the study notes. Use the cited chapter passages when reviewing missed questions.

7. How does partiality relate to faith in the Lord of glory?

A. It strengthens faith
B. It contradicts faith by assigning worth through outward advantage
C. It is acceptable when wealth is involved
D. It applies only to church leaders

8. What is the royal law identified in James 2?

A. Honor the wealthy first
B. Never make judgments of any kind
C. Love thy neighbour as thyself
D. Give away every possession

9. What triumphs over judgment in James 2:13?

A. Social standing
B. Knowledge
C. Wealth
D. Mercy

10. What do kind words without food, clothing, or practical help reveal?

A. Mature faith
B. Dead and unprofitable faith
C. Spiritual wisdom
D. Necessary caution

11. True or False: Abraham and Rahab prove that works earn salvation.

Answer: True False

12. Explain how Paul's teaching about works and James's teaching about works fit together.

Passages to Revisit

James Chapter 3

Careful Speech What a Christian says



Central Teaching

James chapter 3 teaches that mature faith is heard as well as seen. The tongue is small but powerful enough to direct a life or ignite destruction. James also contrasts wisdom from below, which produces disorder, with wisdom from above, which produces mercy, peace, sincerity, and righteousness.

Key Teachings

Passage	Teaching to Remember
3:1–2	Teachers bear greater accountability because their words influence the lives of others.
3:3–5	A bit, a helm, and a spark show how a small thing can exert great direction or destruction.
3:5–8	The tongue can spread corruption like fire and cannot be mastered by unaided human strength.
3:9–12	Blessing God while cursing people made in His likeness contradicts the order of creation.
3:13–16	Envy, rivalry, confusion, and evil work expose wisdom that comes from below.
3:17–18	Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, merciful, fruitful, impartial, and sincere.

Memory Verse

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Chapter 3 Test Your Understanding

Score _____ / 6

Answer without using the study notes. Use the cited chapter passages when reviewing missed questions.

13. Why does James warn that not many should become teachers?

A. Teachers must never make mistakes
B. Teachers receive greater accountability for their words
C. Teaching is only for the wealthy
D. Teaching has little influence

14. What common lesson is taught by the bit, the helm, and the spark?

A. Small things can direct or damage something much larger
B. Nature cannot be understood
C. Speech has no lasting effect
D. Strength is always visible

15. Why is blessing God while cursing people a serious contradiction?

A. People may answer back
B. It weakens a public argument
C. People are made in the likeness of God
D. Only teachers may correct others

16. Which fruit identifies wisdom from below?

A. Mercy and good fruits
B. Envy, rivalry, confusion, and evil work
C. Purity and peace
D. Gentleness and sincerity

17. True or False: Because no human being can perfectly tame the tongue, Christians should stop pursuing disciplined speech.

Answer: True False

18. List four qualities of wisdom from above and explain what peacemakers sow.

Passages to Revisit

James Chapter 4

Contrite Submission What a Christian feels



Central Teaching

James chapter 4 traces outward conflict back to desires at war within the heart. God gives greater grace and calls His people to submit, resist, draw near, cleanse, repent, and humble themselves. The humbled life guards a brother's reputation, places plans under God's will, and promptly does known good.

Key Teachings

Passage	Teaching to Remember
4:1–3	Quarrels and distorted prayer reveal desires that have become ruling demands.
4:4–6	Friendship with the world divides loyalty, but God gives greater grace to the humble.
4:7–10	The path of return includes submission, resistance, nearness, cleansing, repentance, and humility.
4:11–12	Speaking evil of a brother places the speaker above the law and in the Judge's seat.
4:13–16	Life is a vapour, so plans must remain beneath the Lord's will rather than proud certainty.
4:17	Knowing the good creates responsibility; neglected obedience is itself sin.

Memory Verse

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Chapter 4 Test Your Understanding

Score _____ / 6

Answer without using the study notes. Use the cited chapter passages when reviewing missed questions.

19. Where does James trace wars and fightings among believers?

A. To desires at war within
B. Only to outside persecution
C. To a lack of information
D. Only to financial hardship

20. What does it mean to ask amiss?

A. To pray quietly
B. To ask for wisdom
C. To ask with selfish motives so the answer can be spent on one's desires
D. To ask another believer for prayer

21. How does God respond to pride and humility?

A. He ignores both
B. He resists the proud and gives grace to the humble
C. He rewards the proud and tests the humble
D. He treats pride as harmless

22. Which sequence reflects James 4:7–8?

A. Judge, accuse, and withdraw
B. Plan, boast, and defend
C. Submit to God, resist the devil, and draw near to God
D. Ignore sin until feelings change

23. True or False: James condemns all planning for the future.

Answer: True False

24. What does James 4:17 teach about the sin of omission, and how should that affect what you already know to do?

Passages to Revisit

James Chapter 5

Concerned Sharing What a Christian gives



Central Teaching

James chapter 5 confronts wealth that exploits, calls suffering believers to patient endurance, and directs the church toward honest speech and prayerful care. Affliction becomes prayer, joy becomes praise, sickness receives support, sins are confessed, and wandering brothers are pursued for restoration.

Key Teachings

Passage	Teaching to Remember
5:1–6	Wealth is judged when it is gained or protected through fraud, oppression, and self-indulgence.
5:7–11	Believers establish their hearts and endure like the husbandman, the prophets, and Job.
5:12	Truthful people let yes mean yes and no mean no without manipulative oaths.
5:13–15	Suffering, joy, and sickness are brought into prayer, praise, and the care of the church.
5:16–18	Confession and fervent prayer open fellowship to healing and God's effective work.
5:19–20	Concerned believers seek the restoration of a brother who wanders from the truth.

Memory Verse

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Chapter 5 Test Your Understanding

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Answer without using the study notes. Use the cited chapter passages when reviewing missed questions.

25. Why does James pronounce judgment upon certain rich people?

A. Merely because they possess money
B. Because of fraud, withheld wages, oppression, and self-indulgence
C. Because all business activity is sinful
D. Because poverty automatically saves

26. Which examples does James use to teach patient endurance?

A. Kings, soldiers, and merchants
B. Abraham, Moses, and David
C. The husbandman, the prophets, and Job
D. Priests, scribes, and Pharisees

27. Which response best matches James 5:13–16?

A. Hide suffering and handle sickness alone
B. Pray in suffering, praise in joy, seek church care in sickness, and confess and pray for one another
C. Treat prayer as a substitute for every form of practical care
D. Speak only when an oath can guarantee belief

28. What standard of speech is given in James 5:12?

A. Let your yes be yes and your no be no
B. Make stronger promises whenever possible
C. Avoid giving a clear answer
D. Speak differently according to the audience

29. True or False: James presents prayer for the sick as an automatic formula that guarantees the outcome we demand.

Answer: True False

30. How should a Christian fellowship respond when a brother wanders from the truth?

Passages to Revisit

Final Review Checklist

Before the final assessment, explain each statement aloud without reading the answer. If a statement is difficult, return to the chapter summary, memory verse, and cited passage.

☐ James 1: Trials can mature faith, but temptation grows from disordered desire. The Word must be done.

☐ James 2: Partiality violates the royal law. Living faith becomes visible through mercy and obedient works.

☐ James 3: The tongue directs and can destroy. Wisdom from above is recognized by its peaceable fruit.

☐ James 4: Conflict exposes ruling desires. Greater grace calls for humble submission and dependent planning.

☐ James 5: Resources answer to God. Patient believers pray, speak truthfully, care for the suffering, and restore wanderers.

Five Verses to Revisit

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Answer Key

Use this section only after completing the questions. A correct letter or True or False response earns one point. For each short answer, award the point when the essential ideas listed below are present, even if the wording differs.

Chapter	Answers and Teaching Points
Chapter 1 **Confident Stand**	**1. B.** The trying of faith works patience or endurance, and endurance is allowed to mature the believer. **2. A.** James directs the believer who lacks wisdom to ask God in faith without wavering. **3. B.** Temptation develops when a person is drawn away and enticed by his own desire; God is not the author of ev **4. C.** The forgetful hearer resembles a man who looks into a mirror, leaves, and forgets what he saw. **5. False.** God may use trials to strengthen faith, but He does not tempt anyone with evil. **6. Short answer.** A bridled tongue, compassionate care for the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and a life kept unspotted from the world.
Chapter 2 **Compassionate Service**	**7. B.** Partiality judges human worth by outward advantage and contradicts faith in the Lord of glory. **8. C.** The royal law is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." **9. D.** Mercy rejoices or triumphs over judgment. **10. B.** Words that refuse available practical help expose a dead and unprofitable profession of faith. **11. False.** Abraham and Rahab show faith acting through obedience. Their works demonstrate living faith rather than earning salvation. **12. Short answer.** Paul rejects works as the basis of acceptance before God. James rejects a fruitless claim to faith Saving faith produces obedient fruit.
Chapter 3 **Careful Speech**	**13. B.** Teachers guide other lives with their words and therefore bear greater accountability. **14. A.** Each picture shows that something small can direct or damage something much larger. **15. C.** Human beings bear God's likeness, so cursing them contradicts worship offered to God. **16. B.** Bitter envy and rivalry produce confusion and every evil work, revealing wisdom from below. **17. False.** Human inability is not permission to surrender. Believers depend on God's grace while practicing restraint, repentance, and repair. **18. Short answer.** Any four: pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to listen, full of mercy, full of good fruits, impartial, a sincere. Peacemakers sow peace and reap the fruit of righteousness.
Chapter 4 **Contrite Submission**	**19. A.** James traces outward conflict to ruling desires that war within the members. **20. C.** Asking amiss means asking from selfish motives so the answer can be consumed upon one's desires. **21. B.** God resists the proud but gives greater grace to the humble. **22. C.** James commands submission to God, resistance to the devil, and nearness to God. **23. False.** James condemns proud planning that excludes God, not responsible planning held beneath the Lord's w **24. Short answer.** To know the good and refuse to do it is sin. The teaching calls for prompt obedience to the go already known.
Chapter 5 **Concerned Sharing**	**25. B.** The warning concerns corrupted riches, withheld wages, oppressive power, and self-indulgence rather than t mere possession of money. **26. C.** James points to the husbandman, the prophets, and Job as examples of patient endurance. **27. B.** Every condition is carried before God and within the care of the fellowship: prayer, praise, pastoral care, confession, and intercession. **28. A.** A trustworthy life lets yes mean yes and no mean no without manipulative oaths. **29. False.** Prayer is faithful dependence, not a formula. The church prays, offers practical care, and entrusts the outcome to the Lord. **30. Short answer.** The fellowship should pursue restoration with truth, mercy, prayer, and loving initiative rathe than abandoning the person who wanders.