

# JAMES CHAPTER ONE

**BEGIN WITH A PRAYER (“Open our hearts”)**

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:1-4**

What are some ways our faith is tested?  
How should we feel when we face trials? ...Why?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:5-8**

What should we do if we want to gain wisdom?  
What kind of person will God give wisdom?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:9-11**

What will eventually happen to riches and beauty?  
What should we want more than riches and beauty?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:12-15**

What has God promised to those who love him?  
Does God tempt us? ...Why are we tempted?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:16-18**

Where do the best things in life come from?  
How do you think God wants us to react to his gifts?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:19-21**

Is it hard to speak less and listen more? ...Why?  
To be saved, we must listen to what?

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:22-25**

How is God's Word like a mirror?  
Name some good things you want to do this week.

**READ TOGETHER: James 1:26-27**

How important is it that we control our words?  
What does true religion look like?

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# JAMES CHAPTER TWO

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**READ TOGETHER: James 2:1-4**

What does it mean to show "partiality"?  
Why should Christians treat others equally?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:5-7**

How does the world define "rich" and "poor"?  
What kind of person is truly "rich" in God's eyes?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:8-11**

How are we to fulfill the law? ...Give an example.  
How easy is it to break God's whole law? ...Why?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:12-13**

What is mercy? ...Is it hard to show mercy? ...Why?  
Do we need mercy? ...How do we find God's mercy?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:14-17**

What is the difference between faith and works?  
Can you have living faith without works? ...Why?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:18-19**

What is the difference between belief and faith?  
Will belief alone save us? ...Are demons saved?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:20-23**

How was Abraham justified by "works"?  
Abraham's "works" demonstrated what?

**READ TOGETHER: James 2:24-26**

Faith apart from works is what?  
True faith will lead us to do what? ...Give an example.

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# JAMES CHAPTER THREE

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**READ TOGETHER: James 3:1-2**

Why will teachers be judged with greater strictness?  
Why are our words the hardest thing to control?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:3-4**

Why do horses and ships need to be controlled?  
How does controlling our words change everything?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:5-6**

Have you ever been hurt by someone’s words?  
Have your words ever hurt someone? ...Explain.

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:7-8**

Does anyone control their words perfectly?  
How are untamed words like “deadly poison”?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:9-12**

Is God pleased when we bless him with our words?  
How does God feel if our words hurt others? ...Why?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:13**

What is “the meekness of wisdom”?  
How do we show that we are wise?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:14-16**

Why do jealousy and selfishness cause problems?  
How are our words influenced by these feelings?

**READ TOGETHER: James 3:17-18**

How do we find wisdom from above?  
How do our words create or destroy peace?

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# JAMES CHAPTER FOUR

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**READ TOGETHER: James 4:1-3**

Why does jealousy cause so many fights?  
Can even our prayers be motivated by jealousy?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:4-5**

Discuss some ways we must not befriend the world.  
Is jealousy always bad? ...Why is God jealous over us?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:6**

What is pride? ...Will God show grace to the prideful?  
What are some ways we can be more humble?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:7-8**

What are some ways we can resist the devil?  
What are some ways we can draw near to God?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:9-10**

Why should the prideful instead be weeping?  
What is promised to those who are humble?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:11-12**

Who is the true Judge? ...Should we judge others?  
Why is it wrong to speak poorly of church family?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:13-15**

Share some ways we've seen that life is uncertain.  
Should this change our attitude about the future?

**READ TOGETHER: James 4:16-17**

Why should we do good works every chance we get?  
What are some good things we can do this week?

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# JAMES CHAPTER FIVE

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**READ TOGETHER: James 5:1-3**

Why should we not put confidence in riches?  
What should we treasure instead of money?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:4-6**

How does God feel about those who deprive others?  
How should we treat those who do work for us?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:7-9**

How is being a farmer like being a patient Christian?  
If we feel like grumbling, what must we remember?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:10-11**

How are we blessed by remaining steadfast?  
How have we seen God's compassion and mercy?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:12**

What is “swearing”? ...Why should we not swear?  
Why would someone feel like they need to swear?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:13-15**

Does God care if we are suffering or cheerful?  
Why should we ask for prayers if we are struggling?

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:16-18**

What does it mean to confess sins? ...Why should we?  
Share some examples of answered prayers.

**READ TOGETHER: James 5:19-20**

What should we do if a Christian becomes unfaithful?  
How can we encourage others to stay faithful?

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