



LIVING TRUTH

JAMES

Just Do It!

MESSAGE GUIDE

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This Message Guide may be a little different from those that you have used before.

The purpose of these Notes is not an in-depth study of the scriptures used, but rather to assist you or your Study Group as you reflect on this message given by Charles Price.

We present questions in order to stimulate discussion. Sometimes we will give you the answer ... sometimes not. At other times a statement or a theme is presented for your consideration.

As you allow the Holy Spirit to guide the direction of your study and discussions we pray the flexibility of this Message Guide will help you as you delve more deeply into Charles' message, and that you will unearth more lessons from the Lord that may not have been immediately obvious.

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James – Just Do It!

PART 1 – WHAT TO DO IN TRIALS

James 1:1-12

1. Before we look at any scripture: what are the two problems that we have in reading scripture?

2. Read James 1:1-12
What do you think the ‘theme’ of this study is?

3. Take a closer look at the following scriptures:
James 1:23, James 2:17, James 2:18, James 4:17

What is the common theme for each of these verses?

4. Let’s take a look at the **Writer** of this book.
Which James was he?
Read and consider the following verses.
Acts 21:17, Galatians 2:9, Galatians 1:19

5. But does the Bible not say some unflattering things about the siblings of Jesus? Read and consider the following scripture:
John 7:5, Mark 3:21, Mark 12:47, John 19:26

6. Who were the intended original recipients of this book?
James 1:1 b. Also read and consider Acts 8:1 and Acts 11:19-21

7. What are the main issues covered in this book?
Read and consider first, James 1:2-4

8. But go back to James 1 verse 2 – what does it also tell us?

9. But what if this is not working for you? What if you just cannot embrace your trials with joy? What if this testing is NOT producing perseverance? So what if persevering is not leaving you ‘*mature and complete*’?

What are you lacking to help God’s Word to be fruitful in you?
Read and consider James 1:5-6

10. If you are joy-less in trials, maybe you need a good dose of wisdom. James 1:6-8 are very important.

Final Thoughts

Martin Luther did not like this book because he thought it contradicted the Book of Romans which contains the doctrine of 'justification by faith' alone.

The Book of James states that 'doctrine is the basis of action', so if you detached action from doctrine, the doctrine is dead.

Read and consider James 2:17

So – where are you today with your trials?

Do you consider them with joy?

Do you ask God, with believing prayer, to help you?

Are you persevering under trial?

As James says – JUST DO IT!

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PART 2 – WHAT TO DO IN TEMPTATIONS

James 1:12-27

1. Please read and consider James 1:12-27

2. Do you recall what our last study was focused on? James 1:2-4

3. However, temptation has an altogether different purpose. Read and consider James 1:13-15

4. There are 4 stages in the process of Temptation, so we will look at each stage one-by-one.

Stage 1. Desire – James 1:14

5. Remember – **Sin is a choice.** Read Job 31:1

6. Read and consider Galatians 6:1-2

7. **Stage 2. Conception.** Read and consider 1 Corinthians 10:13

8. **Stage 3. Birth**

9. James is very practical and here are 4 questions to ask yourself.

1. Is it Good?

Read and consider James 1:16-17

2. Does it Produce Growth?

Read and consider James 1:18, and Psalm 119:9 & 11

3. Is it Grubby?

Read and consider James 1:19-21

4. Is it Giving?

Read and consider James 1:26-27

Final Thoughts

It is important to remember this: **Temptation is Common to man.**
Temptation is Controlled by God
Temptation is Conquerable by YOU.

Memorize these verses

- 1 Corinthians 6:18**
- 1 Corinthians 10:14**
- 1 Timothy 6:11**
- 2 Timothy 2:22**

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PART 3 – WHAT TO DO WITH PREJUDICE

James 2:1-13

1. Read James 2:1-13.

What three things do you find in these verses?

2. In saying these things, James asks us to examine 3 things.

1. Examine your Prejudices

Read and consider James 2:1-4.

2. Examine your Premise

Read and consider James 2:5-11.

3. Examine your Priorities

Read and consider James 2:12-13.

Final Thoughts

This may have been a shorter than usual study, but remember this:

Prejudice, says James, is Favoritism, Discrimination, Insulting, Judgmental and Sin.

The Royal Law is Loving, Merciful, and gives Freedom.

And...

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT

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PART 4 – WHAT TO DO WITH FAITH IN GOD

James 2:14-25

1. This is the most controversial section of arguably the most controversial book in the Bible. Read and consider James 2:14-25.
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2. Faith in God must inevitably express itself in works. Not as an addition to faith, but as the inevitable expression of it. Read and consider James 2:18-19.
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3. James gives 3 evidences of this, the first being:

1. **Faith is seen in Compassion**

Read and consider James 2:15-16.

4. **2. Faith is seen in Compliance**

Read and consider James 2:21-24.

5. **3. Faith is seen in Courage**

Read and consider James 2:25-26.

Final Thoughts

Faith is more than believing.

Believing can be an **intellectual exercise**.

Faith, by definition, is **experiential**.

Faith without works is dead.

Until we enter in **real union with Christ**, so that **His** compassion becomes **our** compassion, **His will** becomes **our will**; we may have

orthodox belief, doctrinally sound – but dead!

And it won't work – and won't go anywhere!

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PART 5 – WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TONGUE

James 3:1-18

1. It has been said that ‘Oratory has changed the world more than military might.’ Can you think of some great orators of whom this could be true?

2. James writes about the Power of the Tongue and we shall take a look at 2 aspects of that.

1. The Speaking of Words

Read and consider James 3:1-6.

3. Three illustrations about the power of words:

i. **As a BIT.** Read and consider James 1:3.

4. ii. **As a RUDDER.** Read and consider James 3:4.

5. iii. **As a SPARK.** Read and consider James 3:5.

6. The second aspect:

2. The Source of Words. Read and consider James 3:7 and 18.

7. **Why can the tongue not be trained?**

Read and consider James 3:10-12.

8. In further considering James 3:10-12 we should look at the 2 metaphors presented.

9. So James then speaks of 2 kinds of wisdom.

10. Where do we find this wisdom? James has already told us...

Final Thoughts

Did you know that **Men speak 7,000 words a day**, whereas **Women speak 20,000 words a day** [according to a study done by the University of California]. Apparently, **men speak to communicate something**, whereas **women speak to express themselves**.

It is well worth considering the **words** of Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death

With words we can make people laugh ... or cry.

With words we can encourage ... or discourage.

With words we can build up ... or tear down

With words we can uplift ... or condemn.

With words we can refresh ... or intimidate.

Words are tools that can build marriages ... or destroy marriages.

Words can develop friendships ...or break friendships.

Consider again Proverbs 12:18

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PART 6 – WHAT TO DO WITH BATTLES WITHIN YOU

James 4:1-12

1. Read and consider James 4:1-10.

2. **1a. The Flesh – Conflict**

Read and consider James 4:1-3.

3. **1b. The Flesh – Corrective**

Read and consider James 4:2 – 3 and Romans 7:24.

4. **2a. The World – Conflict**

Read and consider James 4:4-6.

5. **2b. The World – Corrective**

Read and consider 1 John 4:19.

6. **3a. The Devil – Conflict**

Read and consider James 4:7-10.

7. **3b. The Devil – Corrective**

Read and consider James 4:7-10.

8. So where does this leave us?

Final Thoughts

There has to be a radical orientation of life towards God; trusting His Resources for His Purposes and for His Glory. Then we can come and ask for whatever we will.

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PART 7 – WHAT TO DO ABOUT OUR BREVITY

James 4:13-17 & James 5:1-6

1. Read and consider James 4:13-17.
[Later we will read James 5:1-6]

2. **1. The Brevity of Physical Life.** Read and consider James 4:13.

3. C.S. Lewis says there are only 3 things you can do about death:
Ignore it; Fear it; or Desire it!
Read and consider what the Bible says in Philippians 1:21-24.

4. **2. The Brevity of Physical Wealth.** Read and consider James 5:1-6.

5. The Bible never condemns business enterprise, or industry, or hard work or making money. Indeed, these are good things; but they come with a warning – and we must take heed to it. James says 3 things in James 5.
i. They were Covetous. Read and consider James 5:3b.

6. **ii. They were Corrupt.** Read and consider James 5:4-5.

7. **iii. They were Careless.** Read and consider James 5:5.

8. So what has this been all about?

Final Thoughts

What is your life?

You are a mist that appears for a little while, and then vanishes.

As Isaac Watts wrote:

*Time is like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day*

It is a sobering thought to consider that:

**I will never again be as young as I am today,
and, I have never been as old as I am today**

**There is Madness in Materialism
There is Sanity in Stewardship**

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**PART 8 – WHAT TO DO
WITH OUR TROUBLES**

James 5:13-20

1. Read and consider all of James 5:7-20.

2. In this last study in James we will look at 3 injunctions;
The first being:
1. Is Any of you in trouble? He should pray!
Read and consider James 5:10-11 & 13.

3. **2. Is anyone happy? He should praise!**
Read and consider James 5:13 b.

4. **3. Is anyone sick? Call for the elders.**
Read and consider James 5:14-16.

5. **i. This sick person** is probably bedridden because it says in
this case **‘pray over him’**, as opposed to ‘pray for him’

6. **ii. Elders** - Are they called ‘Elders’ because they were ‘older’?

7. **iii. Oil** [anointing with]
What were the different ways in which the use of oil could
be applied?

8. **iv. The Prayer of Faith**
This followed the anointing of oil.

9. **v. In the name of the Lord**
Should our prayers for the sick always be in the name of Jesus?

10. **vi. Confession of Sin**
Read and consider James 5:15-16.

11. **vii. Raised up**
Read and consider James 5:15.

Final Thoughts

**In times of pressure - Go to God in Prayer!
In times of pleasure – Go to God in Praise!**

Praise is different to Worship

**Worship is acknowledging Who God Is!
Praise acknowledges What God Has Done!**

The overall message of this section is:

**Is any one of you in trouble?
He should pray!
James 5:13**

**Is anyone happy?
Let him sing songs of praise!
James 5:13 b**

**Is any one of you sick?
Call for the elders of the church to pray over you
and anoint you with oil in the name of the Lord.
Then leave the consequences with God.**

LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

This Leader's Guide is prepared to help the Study Group Leader to keep the discussions moving along. Maybe your people will come up with different answers, or perhaps they will need a little prompting from you.

Remember, you want to encourage your people to fully participate. This is not a 'teaching session' by the Group Leader, but rather a discussion group. This may at first seem like a contradiction, but you will need for the Lord to give you wisdom to keep the discussions 'on track' whilst also allowing the Holy Spirit to direct your path.

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PART 1 – WHAT TO DO IN TRIALS

James 1:1-12

1. One is **mental**: When we don't understand it. The other is **moral**: When we **do** understand it, but **don't live it**.
2. The theme is 'DO IT', or to borrow from that famous sports footwear company 'Just Do It'.
3. The theme for the book, which is found in James 1:22 – read and consider.
4. So it appears he was James, one of the brothers of Jesus.
5. We are told that despite their suspicion and disdain, two of the brothers of Jesus were concerted and became the writers of the New Testament Book of James and Jude.
6. The stoning to death of Stephen had serious consequences. But this letter was NOT to those of the general Jewish Diaspora that occurred after Stephen's stoning, but most likely a pastoral letter to the dispersed, persecuted and scattered congregation originally from Jerusalem.
7. As you read James 1:2 – 4 you will see that '**Trials are Continuous**'.

If you are not **in one**; you have probably **just come out of one**; or about to **go into one**. **Get used to it!**

Verse 2 Tells us **Trials are Numerous**.

Verse 3 Says that **Trials are Prosperous**

Verse 4 Says that **Trials are Desirous**

8. Trials are JOYOUS! So when faced with inevitable trials what should we do? Do we try to avoid them? Do we run away from them? NO – exactly the opposite!

We should Face them! Embrace **them**, **Consider them as Friends**, and be **Positive about them!**

9. This is not just a last-minute add-on. This is all part of the same letter. And read and consider also James 3:13
10. Do you doubt God's ability to give you the wisdom you need? Or do you doubt YOUR ability to receive it?

You must adjust your mind to His promises so that **when we ask, we believe and do not doubt!**

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PART 2 – WHAT TO DO IN TEMPTATIONS

James 1:12-27

1. This study is under the umbrella of our previous study where through James we are encouraged - James 1:22 – to not merely listen to the Word of God – but to **actually do what it says**.
2. Remember – we are not to flee from trials, but rather to embrace them; and see them for what their true purpose is; and that is to strengthen us

3. The object of Trials is to Strengthen us.
But the object of Temptations is to weaken us.
4.
 1. **Desire** – James 1:14
 - i. **We can't blame God for our sin.** James 1:14
It is our own desires
Yes, the Devil is active, but we are told in James 4:7
"Resist the devil and he will flee from you"
 - ii. **We can't blame other people or our environment for sin.**
Right at the start Adam and Eve tried to do that, blaming the serpent and each other. The Word of God makes it very clear that regardless of circumstances that surround us, we are still responsible for the decisions that we make.
 - iii. God DOES understand what we go through, and for this reason read and consider Hebrews 2:18 and Hebrews 4:15
5. Job won his battle with lust in advance, so that when temptation came he did not have to fight it. The battle is fought in the Will, not in the Mind. We can do the same.
6. We need to be honest and open with each other if we truly want to help and be helped.
7. **It is important to remember this:**
 - > **Temptation is Common to man.**
 - > **Temptation is Controlled by God**
 - > **Temptation is Conquerable by YOU.**

We need to run away from it. If you don't resist and you don't flee – the sin is conceived.
8. When does *desire* become *conceived* and *become sin*?
It is when you make the decision! That is, not the decision to do it; but the decision to **not fight and flee.**

9.
 1. If something is not good and has not come to us from above, it is going to damage us.
 2. The Word of God plays an indispensable role in the battle with sin, and in producing fruitfulness in our lives.
 3. This deals with 'cleanliness', 'Anger' and 'Moral filth'.
 4. This aligns with our care and concern for other people.
Read and consider Ephesians 4:28

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PART 3 – WHAT TO DO WITH PREJUDICE

James 2:1-13

1. In these verses there are 3 incidents of favoritism; **First: verses 1-4.** By a church congregation that fawns over a rich man and humiliates a poor man. **Second: verses 5-7.** By God choosing those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith. **Third: verses 8-13.** Regarding Judgment or Mercy. One must triumph over the other. Mercy **triumphs** over judgment.
2. Favoritism, Prejudices & Discrimination come in different forms. **Unfavorable treatment of another person because of** their race, skin colour, gender, financial circumstances, political preference or even sexual orientation, **is always wrong.** We don't have to agree with them, but we should always treat everyone equally and fairly.
3. Why do we hold the prejudices that we do? The premise in attitude that James identifies is based on **appearance.** **This is a trap that we can all fall into.** Read and consider 1 Samuel 16:7. Also read and consider James 2:8-9

4. **Mercy triumphs over judgment! If you want to see how mercy triumphs over judgment – look at the Cross!**
Read and consider Matthew 7:1-5

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PART 4 – WHAT TO DO WITH FAITH IN GOD

James 2:14-25

1. The controversy is this: Can faith without deeds save us? Read and consider James 2:17 and 24. But then along comes Martin Luther and men such as Calvin who challenged the church by saying that Salvation was in Christ alone – and so they redefined the essentials of the Christian Doctrine.

Indeed, Luther did not like the book of James at all and suggested it should be removed from the Bible.

2. There is the awful possibility of **believing the Gospel, but not placing our faith in Christ.**

It is not enough to just say, “I believe in God.” – even the Devil does that! You can have belief without deeds. But you cannot have faith without deeds.

3. Earlier James had talked about this in James 1:25. Read and consider.
And 1 John 3:14 affirms this. Read and consider.

Compassion is the natural expression of the Christian Life. The problem is, we can feel moved by compassion, but then do little or nothing about it!

4. By ‘compliance’ we mean **obedience in cooperation with Him.** There is a **passive element** to our faith in God as we recognize that Christ died for our sins, and we are thankful for that. But there needs also to be an **active element** in our faith in God when we **live in obedience to His Lordship over our lives.**

Read and consider James 2:23. God’s friends are those who trust Him, but also obey Him. God’s friends are compliant!

5. The courage of Rahab the prostitute is highlighted here.
Read and consider Joshua 2:9-12

It was clear that Rahab had more faith in God than did the Israelite spies! The problem was that the people of Israel **believed in a God in heaven above, but not on the earth below. Rahab is commended as being a woman of real faith.**

Read and consider Matthew 21:31-32

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PART 5 – WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TONGUE

James 3:1-18

1. **Winston Churchill**, of whom John F. Kennedy said when making him an Honorary Citizen of the USA in 1963, “*He mobilized the English language and sent it into battle.*”

Martin Luther King whose ‘I have a dream’ speech sparked a civil rights movement that transformed Race Relations in the USA.

Abraham Lincoln gave a short 272 word speech at Gettysburg that lasted only 2 minutes but that became one of the most enduring memories and benchmarks of American history, in which he spoke of ‘Government of the people, **by** the people, **for** the people.’

2. James begins by speaking of those who teach. And he goes on to speak about the risks involved. Read and consider James 3:9. Read and consider Matthew 7:1 where we see that with words we judge people But there is a warning about this too. Read and consider John 12:47
3. By exerting pressure on a sensitive part of the mouth, just a slight touch will cause the horse to turn. Consider this with words.
4. Massive, powerful ships have rudders that are tiny compared to the ship’s size. Consider personal applications of this.
5. The Bit and the Rudder are used to change and control direction, but the Spark is something different entirely – the spark is destructive. Which great fires are said to have started by just a small spark?

The Great Fire of London of 1666

The Great Fire of London is one of the most well-known disasters in London’s history. It began on 2 September 1666 and lasted just under five days. One-third of London was destroyed and about 100,000 people were made homeless.

The fire started at 1am on Sunday morning on 2 September in Thomas Farriner’s bakery on Pudding Lane. It may have been caused by a spark from his oven falling onto a pile of fuel nearby. The fire spread easily because London was very dry after a long, hot summer. The area around Pudding Lane was full of warehouses containing highly flammable things like timber, rope and oil. A very strong easterly wind blew the fire from house to house in the narrow streets.

The great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed about one third of Chicago, also started by a small spark when a woman, milking her cow, kicked over her lamp.

Read and consider again James 3:6

6. Consider this: We have animal trainers who can do amazing things. Elephants to play soccer; horses to walk on their hind legs; monkeys to ride bicycles, but we cannot train the tongue.
7. The tongue is not the problem – it is just the symptom - **because it is controlled elsewhere. The tongue simply expresses the heart.**
8. a. **A Spring from which Water flows.**
Salt water or fresh water?
The source of our words indicates the state of our heart!
Consider also Matthew 12:34 and Matthew 15:18-19.
- b. The Root from which the fruit Grows
Read and consider Matthew 12:33-37.
9. a. **Earthly wisdom.** Read and consider James 3:16
b. **Heavenly wisdom.** Read and consider James 3:17
10. Read and consider James 1:5 ...and also I Corinthians 1:30

Here is a prayer that engages our mouth to our heart.
Psalm 19:14

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PART 6 – WHAT TO DO WITH BATTLES WITHIN YOU

James 4:1-12

1. James identifies 3 fronts on which we fight; those being **The Flesh, The World and The Devil**. And he talks about each in 2 ways – **the Conflict, and the Corrective**. **We shall take a look at these today.**
2. **The biggest area of battle is the corruption of our own inner selves.** James does not actually use the word ‘flesh’ or ‘sinful nature’, that is left to Paul and Peter.

Read and consider Galatians 5:17.
Read and consider James 1:14.
Read and consider Romans 7:15-24.

So then James asks: James 4:1-2.
3. One of the dangers is that we can become ‘biblically house trained’, doing things merely to avoid personal trouble or to gain personal reward. We are in danger of developing a **conscience of convenience**, but not have a **conscience of conviction**. **Hence: James 4:2-3.**
4. This refers not to the geographic cosmos which ‘God so love’, but rather the principles by which the world around us operates. These were described in James 3:14, and lead to envy.

If we live by the principles and values of this world, we will be in conflict with the principles and values of God. Read and consider James 4:4.

5. There is no alternative to the ongoing development of a loving dependent relationship with him, based on **Mutual Respect, Mutual Trust, and Mutual Love.**

As God initiates - we respond.

As we respond - He gives.

As He gives - we experience.

This is the antidote to worldliness and worldly living.

6. The Devil, of course, is behind all of this corruption. He has been the enemy of God, and the enemy of His creation. His dirty finger prints are on all the evil atrocities that we see going on in this world.
7. In these verse 6 things are listed. Look closely at each one.
 1. **Submit. v.7a**
Daily, deliberate, bring your life under His Lordship
 2. **Resist. v.7b**
Recognize him as the enemy, give him no foothold.
Read also Ephesians 4:27
 3. **Come near to God. v.8a**
If you feel God is not near – you move towards Him.
 4. **Wash your hands. v.8b**
If you are engaged in some sin – **clean it up!**
Wash your hands – Outward. Purify your heart – Inward
 5. **Grieve, mourn and wail. v.9**
This doesn’t sound much like the vocabulary of a Christian; but do we weep and mourn over sin?
 6. **Humble yourselves before God. v.10**
...and He will lift you up. Humility before God and dependence on God is the antidote to fulfilling the desires of the flesh, the glitter of worldliness, and Satanic attack!

8. This message is relevant to everyone. None of us are exempt from Temptation, Sin, Discouragement, Defeat – it is all part of our experience. Perhaps some of us are overwhelmed with this and we are gripped by it, hate it, but seem powerless against it.

But there IS hope!

**God offers not just the forgiveness of our sin,
but also the reorientation of our whole lives!**

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PART 7 – WHAT TO DO ABOUT OUR BREVITY *James 4:13-17 & James 5:1-6*

1. Not only is life exceedingly brief, but it is also exceedingly dangerous. We do not know what a day will bring forth. Here James writes about two things: The Brevity of Physical Life, and The Brevity of Physical Wealth
2. So here is the folly; read and consider James 4:14-15. Especially when we are young we think we are invincible – but we're not!

Check each of these verses to see what the Bible has to say:

1 Chronicles 29:15

Job 7:6

Job 7:7

Job 9:25

Psalms 39:11

Psalms 102:3

Psalms 102:11

And finally: 1 Peter 1:24

3. The Gospel of Jesus Christ actually enable us to 'desire it'. Probably the most desirable thing in the world is to be ready for death. **We will never know how to live until we are ready to die.** Read and consider James 4:15-16.
4. These verses give a devastating critique of wealthy people who are unfortunately often greedy people. **Not all wealthy people are greedy**, but greed is addictive. Greedy people are usually blind to their own materialism. Read and consider Luke 12:15 & Colossians 3:5
5. i. Read and consider also 1 Timothy 6:10 and Hebrews 13:5
6. ii. Read and consider also Deuteronomy 24:14-15
7. iii. There is a natural law of justice that eventually wins out. Read and consider James 5:4
8. **Life is short** – Live it in the will of God.
Wealth is transient – don't break your neck on it.

Be responsible, generous and kind with it!

PART 8 – WHAT TO DO
WITH OUR TROUBLES

James 5:13-20

1. To recap this series please read and consider briefly the following:
James 2:18
James 2:26
James 4:17
2. If you are in trouble, prayer is the answer. Read and consider James 5:17 as Elijah is put forward as an example for us to follow.

And remember, it is the prayers of a ‘righteous person’ that is powerful and effective.

What is righteousness?

In the New Testament ‘righteousness’ does not mean being ‘perfect, but rather, **forgiven of sin and united with Christ.**
3. When life is going well and you are happy – don’t take it for granted. Sing songs of praise!
4. There are 7 elements in these few verses.
 - i. A sick person.
 - ii. Elders.
 - iii. Oil.
 - iv. The Prayer of Faith
 - v. The name of the Lord.
 - vi. Confession of Sin.
 - vii. Raised up.
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6. ii. ‘Elders’ were not ‘elders’ because they were ‘older.
It was, at that time, a newly created position in the early church. Those appointed as ‘Elders’ were people of spiritual maturity, usually including the leaders.
7. iii. Oil would be used as:
 - a. **Sacramental** - believing there is divine efficacy in the oil.
This practice is still used in some churches today.
 - b. **Medicinal** - Read and consider Luke 10:34
 - c. **Symbolic** - No substance in itself.
Many symbols were used in scripture, such as bread, wine and water.
8. iv. One of the reasons why the oil is considered to be just symbolic is because the **actual power** in the process is **the prayer of faith.**
9. Read and consider the following scriptures:

James 5:14-15
Matthew 18:19-20
John 14:13-14
John 15-16
John 16:23-24

To do anything in ‘His name’ means it originates in Him. It is not a **word formula** for effective prayer, but that it is **under His authority and according to His will.**
10. vi. You should not be saying, I want my body to be healed, but not my soul.
11. vii To put it simply those who claim all sickness may be healed have themselves a high rate of failure –but probably and better rate of success too.

The Bible says “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. The word servant here – the Greek word, *doulos*, literally means slave.

A slave was usually considered to be a person, owned by another person without rights and, like any other form of personal property, to be used and disposed of in whatever way the owner may wish.”

James could have said, “I am a brother of Jesus” and he could have basked in the glory of being conceived in the same womb, and being brought up in the same home as the Lord Jesus Christ, but he doesn’t.

That is the level of servanthood and true discipleship that James has entered into, that every true disciple must enter into where we can say, I am not my own. I am owned by Him, I am in His keeping, I am under His training, and I am here for His time.

So what James really says about all of this when he says “consider it pure joy” is to “Just do it!”

Charles Price in this series shares the practical down to earth wisdom of the Word, that they aren’t just words written out in some seminary office somewhere, but these are written on the front lines of warfare and battle. ***And in the midst of trials we ought to ‘Just do it’ as a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.***



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