

Simply Study: James I

One book at a time.
One day at a time.



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Simply Study: James 1

Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

Simple pieces

- **Simply read** Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- **Simply mark** Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- **Simply answer** Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- **Simply reflect** Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- **Simply act** Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.
- **Simply pray** Put your learning into action as you ask God act upon what He has taught you through His word

Let's get started!

Focus deeply.
One book at a time.
One day at a time.
Simply Study.

Simply Study: James 1, Session 1

Session 1

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Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to hear from Him in your study time today.

Simply Read

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6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting; for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.

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18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror:

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Simply Mark

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Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?

Simply Pray

Take a moment and pray how God prompts from what you have learned.

Simply Act

What actions must you take because of what you learned today?

Simply Study: James 1, Session 2

Session 2

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Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to make you sensitive to what He wants to teach you.

Simply Read

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Simply Answer

1. How does James describe himself in verse 1?

2. How do you serve God?

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3. Who is James writing to?
4. Another translation of "manifold temptations" is "various trials". How are we to count the trials we encounter (vs. 2)?
5. Why are we to consider trials as joys (vs. 3-4)?
6. What can we infer then about trials and spiritual growth?
7. Who is the only source of wisdom (vs. 5)?
8. What will God do when we ask him for wisdom (vs. 5)?
9. How are we to ask God for wisdom (vs. 6)?
10. How does doubt affect us (vs. 8)?

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Write a prayer based on what you learned today during your study time.

Simply Study: James 1, Session 3

Session 3

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Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to show you life-changing truths from His word.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read James 1:9-18

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate:

10 and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

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Simply Answer

1. What is the lowly man supposed to do (vs. 9)?
2. Look ahead to James 2:5 and given reason as to why the poor man can glory in his lowly position.
3. What will happen to the man the trusts only in his riches (vs. 10-11)?
4. What is the reward for the man who conquers his temptations (vs. 12)?
5. According to the last part of verse 12, what enables us to conquer our temptations?
6. Who is not responsible for the origin of our temptations (vs. 13)?
7. Where do our temptations arise from (vs. 14)?
8. List the progression of temptation as it is listed in verses 14-15. The list is started for you:

Personal lust,



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9. What command is given in verse 16?
10. What are we being deceived about (vs. 17-18)?
11. It is *God's* will that we become what?

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Simply Study: James 1, Session 4

Session 4

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Today we are going to read James 1:19-25.

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1. According to verse 19-20 what should we do? Why?

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2. What shouldn't we do? Why?
3. What should we be "swift to hear" (vs. 21)?
4. How can we be better equipped to hear God's word (vs. 21)?
5. Verse 22 gives us an even greater challenge beyond just hearing God's word. What is it?
6. What is God's word compared to in verse 23?
7. What do mirrors do?
8. What is the only source of truth that enables us to discover whom we are created to be?
9. What will happen if we neglect God's word (vs. 24)?
10. What will happen if we continue looking into God's word (vs. 25)?

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