

A Study of the
book of

James

Is your faith visible?

James 1:22 Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves.

James 4

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make a profit." 14 You do not even know what will happen tomorrow! What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4

15 Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your proud intentions. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, whoever knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin.

The Wrong Way

Pride

James 4

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Pride
without
knowledge

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Pride
while
Fragile

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The Wrong Way

Pride
while
Temporary

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Pride
without
Power

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Luke 12

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”

Luke 12

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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Entrusting
our souls to
divine oversight

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15 Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that."

James 3

2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs?

1 Peter 2

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2

24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Job 14:5 A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed.

Psalms 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Luke 12:25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

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15 Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that."

1 Thessalonians 5

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The Right Way

Submitting
our ways to
the already revealed divine will

James 4

17 Therefore, whoever knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin.

1 John 3

23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and we should love one another just as He commanded us.

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