

A study on the Book of James by David T Gross

James 1

1 ¶James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 ¶My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; *it is joy? It stinks, being temped but overcoming is awesome... so many times a thought comes into my head to sin and i say no thats the overcoming power of Holy Spirit.*

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. *Patience is something that is a work it makes you want nothing this is hard because so many times i want something and am temped by my own desire to get it. But if i give that desire to God he works it out in his time.*

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. *God is not a stingy God if we ask God for wisdom, he gives it regardless of who we are if we ask in faith.*

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. *What does it mean to be double minded? Could it be that our flesh and the mind of God are two different things that are in total war. We are told to renew our minds by the washing of the word. Below is an example in our natural mind we put rich people ahead of poor people but God's kingdom the poor is exalted and the rich made low.*

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

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

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. *What a glorious hope that we shall receive the crown of like which is a promise to us by Jesus*

13 ¶Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. *This is so true, Thank God he redeemed me from deaths door. He set me free, and though now the temptation is still there i can say i have overcome it by the blood of the lamb and by crucifying my flesh daily, it is by His grace we are saved, and if i fall i must get up repent and go on...there are steps to overcoming temptation. But thats another subject.*

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. *In verses 17 & 18 it means a lot to me because i took computer programing in programing there are variables and constants, variables change but a constant can not change, here we see God the Father called the Father of Lights, with no variableness or shadow of turning, and that by His own will He gave us Jesus the Word of Truth, so that we can be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures*

19 ¶Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. *In context it is possible to be so angry and say God is tempting me, but we should not say say or think that.*

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. [We are to lay aside filthiness and naughtiness, and to receive with meekness Jesus which is able to save us.](#)

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. [This is a verse to remember, there is a doing part of Jesus there is a kingdom of God to build now, there are people to share the gospel with.](#)

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

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world. [Practical Christianity to visit the fatherless and the widows and to keep untainted from the world around us.](#) I could say a lot about this verse, There are some Christians who would ignore this verse..

to sum up: God does not author temptation it is our own lust, but pure religion is to be doers of the word and not only hearers.

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