

James 1:22-25 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 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.*

4. The _____ of our Faith (26-27)

a. _____ Words

James 1:26 *If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.*

Matthew 12:34-35 *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

b. _____ Works

James 1:27 *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...*

1 John 3:16-18 *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

Proverbs 19:17 *He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.*

c. _____ Walk

James 1:27 *...and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*



GROWING UP!

Becoming a Mature Believer

Thursday Night Series on the Book of James

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Chapter 1: The Life of Faith

James 1:4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

- Most of the problems we face in our life and relationships have a common cause: _____ immaturity.
- James clearly teaches that **genuine** _____ should make a **genuine** _____ in the way a person lives.

1. The _____ of our Faith (1-12)

a. By _____

James 1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

b. By _____

James 1:3 *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

c. By _____

James 1:4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

- Accepting testing produces

- _____
- _____

d. By _____

James 1:5-8 *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. 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.

e. By _____

James 1:12 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.

2. The _____ of our Faith (13-18)

a. The _____ of Temptation

James 1:13 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:

- God may test you to _____ your faith, but He never tempts you to _____ your faith!

b. The _____ of Temptation

James 1:14a But every man is tempted...

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

c. The _____ of Temptation

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

- The bait that Satan uses is your _____.
- The bait of temptation keeps you from seeing the _____.

d. The _____ of Temptation

James 1:14-15 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.

- Temptation is not an event but a _____.

e. The _____ for Temptation

James 1:16-18 Do not err, my beloved brethren. 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.

3. The _____ of our Faith (19-25)

- The proof of our faith is not just what we _____ but how we _____.

*“This is the safest build up against temptation—God’s Word within, enlightening the mind, purifying the heart, checking the inclinations, and bracing the will!
—J. Sidlow Baxter, Explore the Book*

a. _____ to the Truth

James 1:19-21 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. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

- Hindrances to Listening.
 - Our _____ (19)
 - Our _____ (19)
 - Our _____ (19-20)
- Hope for Listening (21)
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

b. _____ Out God’s Truth