

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 1:1.

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2. **a.** What word does James use to describe the general condition of these believers? **b.** Does the phrase “scattered abroad” describe a pleasant or unpleasant condition? **c.** What circumstances would cause a people group to be “scattered abroad?” **d.** Could such a group become discouraged at these circumstances? **e.** Can God’s people grow and serve effectively if they are so discouraged?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Exodus 5:6-13

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Matthew 9:35,36

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Acts 8:1

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4. The phrase “scattered abroad” is often used of God’s people when they are living under extremely adverse circumstances, such as in political slavery under the Pharaohs, in spiritual bondage under the Pharisees, and in the World under persecution. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 1:2.

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2. **a.** How do joy and happiness differ? **b.** If happiness depends on what is happening, what is joy dependent on? **c.** Should believers have joy (if not happiness) in the midst of severe trials? **d.** Is the ability to rejoice in trials automatic or is it based on an “accounting?” **e.** In this *accounting*, what must the believer under testing “count” as true and thus worthy of producing joy?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 5:10-12

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Acts 5:40,41

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I Peter 4:12-14

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4. No matter what the believer is facing at the moment, one thing is sure – because that believer is a citizen of Heaven, and names the Name of Jesus, and has the Spirit of God in him, that believer can rejoice, because that believer is saved!. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:3.

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2. **a.** What else should the believer reminding himself of in times of trial? **b.** Do positive experiences or negative experiences produce patience? **c.** In what way do negative experiences produce patience? **d.** In order for patience to be produced, what aspect of a believer's life must be tested? **e.** What truths do believers affirm to be true, that trials test their confidence in?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Romans 5:3-5

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I Corinthians 13:7

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I Peter 2:19-21

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4. Because negative experiences produce patience (endurance), the Lord allows us to undergo negative experiences in order that we might learn experientially that what we believe academically in His Word is True and His Promises are trustworthy. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:4.

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2. **a.** What is one of the marks of a spiritually maturing believer? **b.** What then, are some of the marks of an immature believer? **c.** As we learn patience (endurance), does this mean that we are finished growing, or is there more to be done? **d.** What are some things maturing believers have learned to endure? **e.** How do we learn to endure these things, when we are suffering them?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 5:44,48

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Colossians 4:12

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I Peter 5:10

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4. The Lord wants to first develop patience (endurance) within us, and then secondly let that endurance produce further growth in other areas of our life; to accomplish this He uses the trials of life, the prayers of our ministers, and His Divine Grace. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:5.

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2. a. Is it possible to know the truth academically but not know how to apply it experientially? b. What may a believer lack when it comes to dealing with trials? c. What is a believer to do if wisdom in how to apply the truth is needed? d. If a believer prays for the wisdom needed to apply the truth, will God be upset? e. Instead of being upset with this believer, what will God do?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:11

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I Corinthians 10:13

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Proverbs 3:5-7

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4. Because God loves His children and He wants what is best for them, when His children need the good gift of wisdom in order to find out how to successfully deal with trials, He is more than willing to guide them, if they sincerely come to Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:1-5?

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2. Are you growing in your ability to deal with trials and temptations? Do you truly want to do right in times of suffering?

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3. If you are guilty of the sins of impatience, a quick-temper, and vengeance, will you repent and confess it as sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

God wants to develop within us the spiritual quality of endurance. This is one of the marks of the maturing Christian. This quality is produced as we suffer through various trials and respond to them correctly. As we do this, our academic beliefs are tested and proved experientially. Sometimes, we need to pray for wisdom as to how we should respond to the particular trial.

- 1. God's people will often suffer extremely adverse circumstances.
- 2. Yet, a proper accounting will still bring the believer inner joy.
- 3. We should always remember that our *faith* needs to be proven.
- 4. As our beliefs are tested (and proven), we will mature in Christ.
- 5. Whenever wisdom is needed to meet the trial, we need to pray.

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**Monday**

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:11

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I Corinthians 10:13

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I John 5:14,15

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4. Since God wants what is best for His children, if His children need His Wisdom in order to successfully deal with trials, He *positively promises* to provide such Wisdom, if they come to Him in prayer, trusting that *His* solution will meet their need. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 1:6a.

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2. **a.** If a believer prays for Wisdom, how must he ask for it? **b.** What would be another word for “faith” in this verse? **c.** If faith is “confidently believing,” what must this person confidently believe? **d.** If a person asks God for Wisdom, yet will only accept His Wisdom if it suits him, is that person really trusting God? **e.** What would be another word for “wavering” in this verse?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Isaiah 55:8,9

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Proverbs 16:25/Psalm 37:5

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Proverbs 3:5-7

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4. The Divine Wisdom needed to successfully deal with trials is usually different than the World’s wisdom – therefore the believer in times of trial needs to forsake his own way of handling difficulty and wholeheartedly commit to the Lord’s way. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:6b.

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2. **a.** Should a believer waver (be skeptical) regarding God's Wisdom? **b.** Is it possible to ask the Lord for His Wisdom, yet be skeptical about it? **c.** If a believer lacks *total* confidence in God's Wisdom, what might that believer do regarding God's advice? **d.** Can we tell where a bottle floating on a stormy sea will end up? **e.** Can we tell what wavering believers will do in times of trial?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:24-27

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Ephesians 4:14,15

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II Timothy 3:14-17

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4. God wants us to have an unwavering confidence in His Word – and if we do, we will obey His Word and be divinely protected, we will grow spiritually and be mature, and we will learn sound doctrine, and be fully equipped for service T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:7.

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2. **a.** Will God give His Good Gifts to those that doubt His Goodness? **b.** Will God answer the prayers of those that doubt His abilities? **c.** Will God give His Wisdom to those that doubt His trustworthiness? **d.** And from our previous lessons, why does God refuse to give of Himself to these people? **e.** Is there ever any reason to doubt the goodness, the ability, or the wisdom of God?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 21:22

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Mark 11:24

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Luke 11:9

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4. If we approach the things of God with any doubt concerning His ability to do as He promised, our prayer for His trustworthy wisdom in times of trial will be done with skepticism, and we therefore should not expect an answer from Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:8.

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2. a. What does it mean to be “double-minded?” b. What are the two different ways in which double-minded people think? c. What would determine whether the double-minded believer will think spiritually or worldly? d. If a believer thinks one way one time and other way another time, will that believer show consistency? e. What word describes the inconsistency of his life?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 6:22-24

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Colossians 3:22-24

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James 4:4-8

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4. Because it is impossible to love both the Lord and the world at the same time, God teaches us to simply put Him first in all things – and our failure to trust and serve Him and Him alone will only leads us into various sins and worldly conduct. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:5-8?

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2. When you need wisdom and counsel in times of difficulty, do you believe that the Lord’s Way is the right way and that His wisdom is absolutely trustworthy, or do you have a skepticism with regard to what His Word may have to say to you?

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3. If you are guilty of the sin of wavering with regard to the absolute trustworthiness of God’s Word and Wisdom, will you repent of this sin and confess it as the sin that it is?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

a. God wants us to ask Him for His wisdom.

b. God wants us to trust the wisdom that He gives.

c. If we do not totally trust His wisdom, we will be unstable.

d. In addition, God will not answer our prayer for Divine wisdom.

e. This condition of wavering is nothing more than having two minds.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 1:12a.

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2. a. Can a believer successfully endure Satan's *temptations*? b. When is Satan's best opportunity to *tempt* a believer (think)? c. If Satan *tempts* a believer while his faith is being *tested*, Who is it that *tests* a believer's faith? d. Does God *test* a believer's faith for a good or evil purpose? e. If God *tests* a believer for a good purpose, will He enable a believer to endure Satan's *temptation*?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Corinthians 10:13

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I Peter 5:8,9

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James 4:6,7

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4. In order to develop character, God will test our faith, knowing that Satan will use this opportunity to tempt our flesh; yet because His purpose in testing is good, He will provide an escape if we are vigilant against Satan and reliant upon God. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 1:12b.

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2. a. Is the "blessedness" that enduring temptation brings found in this life or the next? b. Is the "Crown of Life" that enduring temptation brings received in this life or the next? c. When will a believer's *faith* be tried? d. Is there a future time in which a believer's *works* will be tried? e. Does God "*try*" *our works* in order that He might punish us or reward us?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Ecclesiastes 12:14

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Romans 14:10-12

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I Corinthians 3:13-15/II Corinthians 5:10

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4. While the Lord tries our faith in this life, (that He might bless us as we endure Satan's temptations) He will try our works in the next life at the Judgment Seat of Christ, (that He might give us the Crown of Life for enduring Satan's temptations). T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:12c.

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2. **a.** What characterizes those who endure temptation and thus will receive the Crown of Life? **b.** What did Jesus say was the proof of our love for Him? **c.** Is it always *possible* for a believer to successfully resist temptation? **d.** If a believer does not resist temptation is this God's fault, the Devil's fault, or the believer's fault? **e.** Is yielding to temptation (sinning) a choice or necessity?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 22:37

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Luke 16:13

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John 14:15

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4. God commands us to love Him with every part of our being, instructs us that we cannot love Him and love something else at the same time, and reminds us that the proof of our love for Him is that we will choose to obey Him if we love Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:13.

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2. **a.** If our flesh is tempted (by Satan) when our faith is tried, (by God) does this make the trying of our faith a bad thing? **b.** Can we blame the tempting of our flesh (by Satan) on God? **c.** If we yield to the temptation (sin) can we blame God? **d.** Can a God that hates sin ever sin? **e.** Would a God that hates sin and loves His children try to get them to sin?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Genesis 3:12,17

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Jeremiah 29:11

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Romans 9:20,21

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4. It is our nature to blame others (including God) for our failure to obey God; yet, the God who loved us and saved us has nothing but good in His mind for us, and thus He is not the author of our sin nor the cause of it, and He should not be blamed. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:14.

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2. a. Does temptation arise from within, without, or both? b. Did God create man (and woman) with the capacity to desire things? c. Is it therefore always wrong to desire a thing? d. Is there a proper time, place and means for desires to be met? e. Does Satan entice us to meet the legitimate desire of our life the right way or the wrong way?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
John 3:6

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Romans 7:18

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Galatians 5:16,17

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4. Though the believer is saved and a new creature in Christ, the believer still lives in a body of flesh that desires to sin; however, if the believer is willing to walk in the Spirit (be where God wants him to be) the believer can deal with temptation. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:12-14?

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2. Do you understand that when God tests your faith by putting your beliefs to the test, this is a good thing that builds character, but also an opportunity for Satan's temptations – temptations that can be successfully endured if you are alert to Satan's tricks and reliant on God's truth?

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3. If you wrongly think of the trying of your faith as a negative thing to disdain, and Satan's temptation as an impossible thing to endure, will you repent of this sin and confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

- a. The believer can endure Satanic temptation.
- b. Believers that consistently do so will be crowned.
- c. The key is to sincerely love the Lord more than the sin.
- d. God tests our faith for good; Satan tempts our flesh for evil.
- e. Temptation is a result of fleshly desires being exploited by Satan.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 1:2,3

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2. a. Is James saying that temptation *is a good thing*, or that temptation *is used to produce a good thing*? b. Who tests our faith, and who tempts our flesh? c. What is the difference between a trial and a temptation? d. If we learn to deal with trials, what good thing is produced in us? e. If we learn to deal with temptations, what good thing is produced in us?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Luke 8:13

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I Timothy 6:9

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I Corinthians 10:13

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4. Temptation is something that the Devil uses to produce sin, and something that God allows him to use in order to show us whether or not we are truly saved; whether or not we are on the right path; and whether or not we have spiritual Wisdom. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 1:12

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2. a. Can a believer “endure” (successfully resist) temptation? b. What is it that ultimately motivates the believer to “find the way of escape” (resist temptation)? c. What should the believer love more: the Lord’s ways or the World’s lures? d. What will the believer enjoy *in this life* as temptation is resisted? e. What will the believer receive in the next life if temptation is resisted?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Galatians 5:16/Matthew 4:1 (notice the leader of Jesus)

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James 4:6,7/Matthew 4:2 (notice the humility of Jesus)

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I Corinthians 10:13/Matthew 4:4 (notice the wisdom of Jesus)

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4. To resist temptation, we must be: willing to be where we should be (walking in the Spirit and in vigilance); humbling ourselves before Him (through fasting and praying); and finding His way of escape (through learning and living His Word). T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

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Jeremiah 29:11

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Romans 9:20,21

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4. It is our nature to blame others (including God) for our failure to obey God; yet, the God who loved us and saved us has nothing but good in His mind for us, and thus He is not the author of our sin nor the cause of it, and He should not be blamed. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:14.

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2. **a.** Does temptation arise from within, without, or both? **b.** Did God create man (and woman) with the capacity to desire things? **c.** Is it therefore always wrong to desire a thing? **d.** Is there a proper time, place and means for desires to be met? **e.** How does Satan exploit our unsatisfied desires and entice us to meet these desires the wrong way?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
John 3:6

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Romans 7:18

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Galatians 5:17, 19-21

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4. Though the believer is saved and thus a new creature in Christ, the believer still lives in the *body of flesh* in which he was born and is therefore presently unredeemed and seeks to do things that the indwelling Holy Spirit does not agree to. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:15.

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2. **a.** Is lust (a passionate desire for something) in and of itself a sin? **b.** Who preys upon a believer's passionate desire for something and tempts (entices) him? **c.** If the lust of a believer is successfully enticed by Satan, what is the product? **d.** What is the God's ultimate goal in testing the believer (see James 1:3,4)? **e.** What is Satan's ultimate goal in tempting the believer?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Genesis 2:17

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Isaiah 59:1,2

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Romans 8:12,13

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4. Although lust is not in and of itself a sin, if unsatisfied, the Devil exploits the lust with a sinful enticement; if the lust is acted upon, the resultant sin may eventually separate the believer from God, in the form of broken fellowship/partnership. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:2,3; 12-15?

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2. Do you recognize that temptation is the suggestion to satisfy a desire in the wrong way, and that God allows us to be tempted in times of trial in order that we may learn how to resist temptation through His strength, as well as to learn that failure to resist temptation may bring forth separation from Him?

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3. If you wrongly think that temptation is something that God does to you in order to keep you weak, and that temptation therefore cannot be successfully resisted, will you repent of this?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** Trials (from God) and Temptations (from Satan) are instrumental in helping us develop Godly character through trusting the Lord.

**b.** As God makes available the wisdom that helps us endure trials, He also makes available the grace to endure Satan's temptations.

**c.** Although Satan's temptations are a result of God's trials, we must never blame God for the temptations that a trial may bring.

**d.** Temptation in itself is not sin; rather, it is the enticement to satisfy a God-given desire of the flesh in a Devil-inspired manner.

**e.** If the temptation is acted upon, the legitimate desire is satisfied illegitimately, and, if not repented of, breaks fellowship with God.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 1:17

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2. **a.** If God's trying our faith becomes the occasion for Satan's tempting our flesh, are trials a bad thing? **b.** What good thing do trials produce, if we respond correctly? **c.** If God uses trials to produce a good thing, are trials good? **d.** If, while in a trial, we yield to temptation, is it God's fault for sending the trial? **e.** Who should we blame if, while in a trial, we yield to temptation?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Job 23:10

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Isaiah 48:10

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I Peter 1:7

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4. Rather than blame God for our failure to endure temptation, we should thank Him for the trials that are used to refine us, understanding that everything from the hand of God is good, and that what He does for us, He does for our real benefit. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 1:18

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2. **a.** Who produced the new life that the believer receives? **b.** What was the instrument that the Father used (aside from the Holy Spirit) to give this new life to us? **c.** What term does God use in this verse to describe His Word? **d.** Does the term "firstfruits" imply that God wants to change us or leave us alone? **e.** Does God want to change us for the better or for the worse?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
II Corinthians 5:17

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Romans 6:4

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Ephesians 2:10 and Matthew 5:16

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4. God sent His Son to save us from our sin – the penalty and the power of sin; sin destroys and ruins that which God made in His image – salvation produces a new creation that should live in a new way and do God's good works instead of Satan's sins. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:19,20.

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2. **a.** What instrument did God use to give new life to believers? **b.** If God's Word gives new life to people once dead in sin, what should believers be eager to hear after they have new life? **c.** What do believers often do when God's Word touches their particular sin? **d.** Does getting mad at God's Word help us overcome sin? **e.** What would help us overcome our sin?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 119:9,11

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Ecclesiastes 5:1,2

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I Peter 2:1-3

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4. Rather than getting angry at the powerful Word of God that God used to save us, we should rather be eager to hear what God's Word has to say to us, understanding that God's Word (not our wrath) produces Christlike Righteousness in our lives. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:21. ("lay apart" means (to "cast off"))

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2. **a.** Why should the believer "cast off" these things? **b.** How does the believer "cast off" these sinful things? **c.** What would be the *opposite* of casting off these sinful things? **d.** Is it be possible to meekly receive God's instruction about our sin if we are clinging to our sin? **e.** If we let it, can the powerful Word of God that saved us from sin help us to deal with sin after we are saved?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 25:9

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Luke 8:18

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I Thessalonians 2:13

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4. It is not enough to want to learn God's Word -- it is also important to want to be changed by God's Word so that when we learn truths that touch on our sins and shortcomings we may receive what we learn with a meek and humble spirit. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:22.

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2. **a.** Is it necessary to for believers to eagerly hear the Word of God? **b.** Is simply hearing the Word of God sufficient? **c.** If hearing the Word of God is not sufficient, what else must be done? **d.** Is it possible to be a hearer (and even learner) of the Word of God, but not be a doer? **e.** What is the “hearer but not doer” doing to himself and to those around him?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:24

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John 13:17

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James 4:17

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4. While God wants us to hear and receive His Word, He cautions us that doing these things without obeying what we have learned is indeed a dangerous thing, leading to a life of self-deception and to the possibility of deceiving others. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:17-22?

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2. Do you recognize that God has a wonderful plan for your life, and now that you are saved, He wants to take your life and change you for the better and that this will involve Him sending trials into your life and you responding to those trials through the application of God’s Word as you learn it and believe it?

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3. If you think that now that you are saved, God should leave you alone and not bother trying to change you for the better – will you repent of this sin and confess it to Him as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** Every good gift (including trials) comes from a loving and caring God Who always does what He does for His Name and our good.

**b.** God used His powerful Word to give us new life in Christ and now seeks to use His Word to change us into specimens of grace.

**c.** Because of this fact, we should never get mad at God or His Word, but be swift to hear it and slow to speak harshly against it.

**d.** However, in order to learn the Word of God and be changed by it, we must confess known sin and humble receive God’s Truths.

**e.** If we are willing to hear and receive the truth, we are then responsible to obey it – and if we do, we will have grown in Him.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 1:22

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2. a. When James speaks of hearing the Word, whose Word is he referring to? b. Will God bless us if we only *hear* His Word? c. In addition to *hearing* God's Word, what *else* must we do if we want Him to bless us? d. If we *hear* God's Word but do not *obey* God, should we expect Him to bless us? e. If we expect God to bless us when we disobey His Word after hearing it, what are we?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Galatians 6:7

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Matthew 7:24-27

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Luke 11:28/James 4:17

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4. Being bound by the Law of Sowing and Reaping, God is obligated to bless (in His time) our acts of obedience and chastise (in His time) our acts of disobedience – and to think otherwise is an act of self-deception that only leads to spiritual ruin. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 1:23

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2. a. What is the purpose of a mirror: to show us how good we look *or* what we need to do to look good? b. What is the purpose of God's Word: to show us how godly we are *or* what we need to do to be godlier? c. Is it possible to look into a mirror and not fix our selves up? d. Is it possible to hear the Word and not let it change us? e. Is a mirror (whether glass or Bible) a good thing?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 51:3

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Matthew 7:3,4

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I Corinthians 11:27-31

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4. True repentance should take place when our sin is “ever before us” and as we hear the Word of God, we should *consider our own sin* before we counsel others and *examine our own selves* before we partake of the Lord's Table with our brethren. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:24.

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2. a. If a person stares in a mirror and sees an unsightly hair, what should he do? b. If the unsightly hair is not clipped, what will end up happening to that hair? c. When God's Word reveals a sin that needs to be confessed, what should that person do? d. If the sin is not confessed, what will end up happening to that sin? e. If the sin is forgotten, (not forsaken) will blessing come?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 51:17

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Proverbs 28:13

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I John 1:9

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4. Rather than *forgetting* about our sins because we have *ignored* what God's Word shows us, we *should be contrite* over the sin that we have seen, *we should not cover up the sin* that we have seen, and *we should confess the sin* that we have seen. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:25

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2. a. How does God describe His Word in this verse? b. Does obeying God's Laws enslave us or liberate us? c. If God's Word liberates us, should we look into it once or twice or consistently and continuously? d. If we *look into it* consistently and continuously, should we *obey it* once or twice or consistently and continuously? e. What happens to us if we consistently obey it?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Joshua 1:8

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Psalm 1:2,3

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John 13:15,17

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4. God wants to bless His children, but He is only willing to do so if they are willing to get into His Word (through learning it and meditating on it) and then dealing with whatever sin is exposed and obeying whatever steps it reveals to us. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:26,27.

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2. **a.** Is what *seems* to be so about a person always so? **b.** How do ungodly (but religious) people get others to think that they are what they aren't? **c.** Can a person know the Scriptures (and even quote them) but still be an ungodly person? **d.** What is the proof of a person's true Christian Character – what they know or how they obey? **e.** What acts of obedience reveal one's true character?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
James 3:2-10

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James 2:6-16

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James 4:4-10

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4. Although it is true that good works do not save us (only Christ does, as we trust Him as our Saviour), God expects us to demonstrate a Christlike behaviour that influences others, and this will happen as we learn God's Word *and obey it*. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:22-27?

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2. Do you believe that spiritual growth and God's blessing come to us as we hear, receive, and *obey* His Word in times of testing, and that if we hear, receive, and *disobey* His Word in times of testing, we will not only fail to grow spiritually, but we will forfeit the blessing that our obedience would have brought us?

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3. If you are under the self-deception that God will still bless you even if you willfully disobey the truths that you have learned from Him, will you repent of this sin and confess it as a sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** The PLEA – Do not deceive yourself by simply hearing what God's Word has to say and then disobeying what you have heard.

**b.** The PRINCIPLE – Those that hear but do not obey are like people that stand in front of a mirror gazing in awe at the sight.

**c.** The PROBLEM – Just staring in the mirror doesn't fix our appearance and just hearing the Word doesn't bring God's approval.

**d.** The PROMISE – If we consistently listen to the Word and consistently obey what we learn from it, God will truly bless us.

**e.** The PROOF – The evaluation of a person's walk with God is not based on his knowledge alone but on what he does with it.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 1:26a

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2. **a.** When James uses the phrase “if any man among you,” who is he referring to? **b.** Is it possible for people to be numbered among the saved, (“members of the church”) but not be saved? **c.** Concerning spiritual things, is what seems to be so, always so? **d.** Can a person “seem to be religious” but not be saved? **e.** What demonstrates the reality of our salvation: words or deeds?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 13:24-30; 38-40

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Matthew 7:16-20

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Luke 13:24-28

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4. As the Lord saves people and they become members of local churches around the world, the Devil places lost people (*that seem like they are saved*) in the churches also; each produces different fruits and each goes to different places at death. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 1:26b

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2. **a.** Generally speaking, why do equestrians bridle a horse? **b.** If bridling a horse helps control the horse, what does bridling the tongue do? **c.** Does God exhort, enable, and expect Christians to bridle (take steps to control) their tongue? **d.** How may a person bridle (take steps to control) their tongue? **e.** How does bridling the tongue (or failing to) affect the cause of evangelism?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Ephesians 4:24,25

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Philippians 2:14,16

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James 3:10,11

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4. Now that we are saved, we should begin to control our tongues by ceasing to lie and by telling the truth; by ceasing to complain and by proclaiming the Word; by ceasing to curse others and by blessing (saying good about) both God and our brethren. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 1:26c, 27a.

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2. **a.** What is the dictionary meaning of the word “vain?” **b.** Can a person’s religious practice be marked by pride, fruitlessness, and spiritual emptiness? **c.** Will this religious experience help the work of evangelism? **d.** Can a person’s religious practice be marked by humility, fruitfulness, and spiritual satisfaction? **e.** Will this religious experience help the work of evangelism?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Acts 10:48

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Matthew 13:8,23

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John 4:13,14

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4. If our religious *experience* is truly genuine, our religious *practice* will be marked by a humble submission to the Lordship of Christ, by a productive fruitfulness in the Work of Christ and by a spiritual satisfaction with the Things of Christ. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 1:27b

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2. **a.** What kinds of needs are peculiar to the fatherless and the widows? **b.** What types of afflictions may each suffer because of their circumstances? **c.** What are we to do for the fatherless and widows? **d.** What does visiting and helping those often overlooked but in distress say about a person? **e.** How does helping the hurting (or failing to) affect the cause of evangelism?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 68:5

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Galatians 6:10

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I John 3:17,18

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4. God’s character moves Him to take a special oversight in the affairs of those that are defenseless and helpless and if we are to do the works of God, proving the reality of our religion, we must watch over the needs of those that are suffering as well. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 1:27c.

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2. **a.** Are most of the people of this world saved or lost? **b.** Who does the Scripture say is the god of this world? **c.** If most of the people in this world are under Satan's control, do the ways of the world agree or disagree with God? **d.** How should the believer relate to the ways of the world? **e.** How does separating from worldly ways (or failing to) affect the cause of evangelism?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 28:13

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II Timothy 2:19-21

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I John 1:9

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4. Because God hates sin, and because He wants us to serve Him, He desires and commands that we forsake all sin, that we purge ourselves of all sin, and that we cleanse ourselves by confessing all sin – and that by doing so consistently we may serve Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 1:26,27?

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2. Do you believe that it is possible for a person to seem religious and yet not be saved, and that if a person is genuinely saved then they will eventually demonstrate observable religious *practices* that serve to prove the genuineness of their religious *experience*?

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3. If you believe that it is possible to be saved and not changed, and you are therefore resisting the life transforming power of God in your life, will you repent of this sin, confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** As the children of God populate a church, the Devil populates a church with unsaved but seemingly saved people.

**b.** Those that are not genuine will have practice a religion that is marked by pridefulness, fruitlessness, and emptiness.

**c.** One mark of the person whose religion is genuine is a willingness to bridle (take steps to control) the tongue.

**d.** Another mark of the person whose religion is genuine is a willingness to visit and minister to the afflicted.

**e.** Another mark of the person whose religion is genuine is a willingness to confess sin and separate from it.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 2:1 (“respect of persons” means “partiality”)

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2. **a.** To whom is James writing this admonition and exhortation? Should Christians have the “faith of the Lord Jesus Christ” (the same beliefs and practices) in their own lives? **c.** Did Jesus ever show partiality to people based on their money or popularity? **d.** Should Christians ever show partiality to people based on their money or popularity? **e.** To whom *does* God show His favour?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 24:23 (respect of persons = preferential treatment)

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I Timothy 5:21

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Psalm 15:1,4

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4. When it comes to judging between people, we should not arbitrarily respect one over another, and we should not arbitrarily prefer one over another; instead we should evaluate others using the same criteria that God does: obedience to His Word. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 2:2-4

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2. **a.** Assuming both are sincere, why would the wealthy man and the poor man come to the church? **b.** What is God looking for in both persons? **c.** Does the economic status of either make him a better worshipper? **d.** Why would some in the church tend to be partial to the wealthy person? **e.** In evaluating either person for a serving position, should their economic status make a difference?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Deuteronomy 1:17

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Psalm 82:2-4

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Luke 12:15

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4. In deciding issues or making evaluations regarding people, we are to have an equal concern for “the small as well as the great;” we are to judge justly, not accepting the wicked rich over the godly poor; and we are not to evaluate a person’s life monetarily. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 2:5.

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2. a. When James starts a sentence with “hearken” what does he want the listener to especially do? b. What economic class of people will tend to come to Christ more readily? c. What will God do for the poor that come to Him? d. What will God do for the poor that obey Him after they are saved? e. Does God save the poor and bless the poor on the same basis as He does the wealthy?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Luke 14:15-23

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Matthew 19:23-26

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Mark 4:18,19

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4. Jesus taught that the Gospel is to aggressively go out to the poor, that the poor are more likely to come believe the Gospel than the wealthy; and that new believers who do not seek to accumulate wealth are more likely to stay true to Christ. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 2:6

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2. a. Why was James being so honest toward the people that he loved and called brethren? b. What was James’ goal in writing this letter to them? c. Did Jesus ever despise and oppress the poor? d. What group of people (the poor or the wealthy) hated Jesus most and persecuted Christians most? e. Why would some of the persecuted believers become the persecutors of the poor?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 10:2

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Proverbs 22:16

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Proverbs 29:7

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4. Believers will sometimes oppress the poor because of pride (not wanting to be associating with the poor); because of greed (not wanting to be sacrificing for the poor); and because of being backslidden (not wanting to be loving toward the poor). T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 2:7.

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2. **a.** Are the societies of the world pro or anti God? **b.** Are the laws of this world made by wealthy legislators or poor legislators? **c.** Are the media of this world controlled by wealthy moguls or poor moguls? **d.** Are the universities of this world led by wealthy academicians or poor academicians? **e.** Are the governments of this world guided by wealthy politicians or poor politicians?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 10:15

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Luke 16:13-15

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Psalms 2; Acts 4:25-28

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4. Because the rich of this world tend to find their security in their riches instead of in the Lord, they tend to be opposed to the teachings of the Word of God and tend to plot with one another against God in order to advance their ambitions. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 2:1-7?

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2. Do you believe that God loves all people, that He deals with all people on the same basis (faith and obedience), and that you therefore should also love all people and deal with all people on the same basis, not showing partiality or preference to others just because they happen to be wealthy or popular?

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3. If you believe that you should treat the wealthy or popular differently than you treat others just because they are wealthy or popular, will you repent of this sin and confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** We are not to have a Christlike belief system that allows us to treat people with a partiality that Christ did not have.

**b.** We are not to treat the wealthy believer any different than the poor believer simply on the basis of economic status.

**c.** We are to remember that Jesus commands us to go to the poor, who are more likely to be saved and stay true.

**d.** We are never to despise the poor, always guarding ourselves against the sins of pride, coveting, and backsliding.

**e.** We are to always be mindful of the fact that the rich of this world generally hate the Lord and blaspheme Him.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 2:8

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2. **a.** What is the Golden Rule, (not found in the Bible) as we commonly know it? **b.** What is the Royal Law (found in the Scripture) and how are the two different? **c.** According to the parable of the good Samaritan, just who is our neighbour? **d.** Should we be willing to help anyone in need given the opportunity? **e.** If we refuse to offer help, what have we done?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Leviticus 19:34

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Matthew 22:37-40

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Romans 13:8,9

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4. God commands us to love all people, whether they are poor or rich, whether they are strangers or friends, and in order to do this we must first love God supremely, and out of this love for God we must be willing to obey His command to love truly others. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 2:9

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2. **a.** What does the Royal Law teach? **b.** If we are to love others (by doing good to them), *which* others are we to love? **c.** If we are to love all others (by doing good to them), to what *degree* are we to love them? **d.** If our love (willingness to do good) is with a “respect of persons” (partiality), what will happen? **e.** If we do not do good to some (out of partiality), have we sinned against God?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Deuteronomy 1:17

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Leviticus 19:15

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James 2:1-4

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4. If the Royal Law of God teaches us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and if love is “the willingness to sacrificially do what is best for another,” then we should never refuse to do good to someone else because of their financial or social situation. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 2:10,11.

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2. **a.** What must a person do in order to be guilty? **b.** If a person breaks one law is he less, more, or equally guilty than a person that breaks two laws? **c.** If a person commits murder, is he guilty of breaking God's Laws? **d.** If a person refuses a God-given opportunity to help someone in need is he guilty? **e.** Is the sin of not loving others as morally condemning as the sin of murder?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Deuteronomy 27:26

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Joshua 1:7,8

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Matthew 5:18,19

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4. God commands us to obey all of His Laws; not just the Ten Commandments, or the ones that seem very serious, but all of them, including the comprehensive *Royal Law*, which really covers them all – teaching us to love others as ourselves. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 2:12

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2. **a.** Does God liberate us from spiritual enslavement in order that we might do bad or good to others? **b.** Does God command to us or suggest to us that we do good to others? **c.** Since God commands us to do good to others, does He give us opportunities to do so? **d.** Does God hear what we say and see what we do with these opportunities? **e.** What criteria will God use in judging us?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Ecclesiastes 12:13,14

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Romans 14:12,13

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II Corinthians 5:9,10

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4. Because every thing (whether good and bad) that we do after salvation will be judged by God for the purpose of rewarding us, we should labour in both word and deed to keep His commandments, to love His children, and to enjoy His approval. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 2:13.

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2. **a.** If our sins have been forgiven, why does God judge us? **b.** As God judges us by the Law of Liberty, what will He do for those that obey this Law? **c.** If we refuse to help others in need (given the opportunity) what may God refuse to do for us? **d.** If we want God to do good for us, what should we do for others? **e.** Is it more joyful to be blessed by God or to be chastised by God?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 21:13

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Matthew 5:7

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Luke 6:38

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4. The loving God that sent His Son to die for our sins (showing His love by a sacrificial act of good) also asks us to love others (showing our love through sacrificial acts of good) and if we do this, He will bless us -- if not, then He will not bless us. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 2:8-13?

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2. Do you believe and understand that God's Moral Commands concerning our relationship to others should not be considered merely as a bunch of "do's and don'ts," but rather considered to be a comprehensive command to treat others in an impartial and loving manner – just as we would want to be treated?

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3. If you believe that your obligation to others is only that you do not kill them, steal from them, and so forth, but not to impartially love them, will you repent of this sin and confess it?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** Obedience to the Moral Laws of God is summed up by obedience to the Royal Law of God: Loving others as ourselves.

**b.** Disobedience to the Royal Law of God (in not loving others as ourselves) is viewed as disobedience to the Moral Laws of God.

**c.** To break one of God's Laws (including the Royal Law, by not loving others) makes one as guilty as if he had killed someone.

**d.** Therefore, we should relate to others knowing that God will judge us by our actions of impartial love and service to them.

**e.** If we have impartially loved and served others, God will bless us accordingly, and His blessing is better than His chastising.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 2:14

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2. a. What *first* thing does God *instantaneously* do *for* people when they truly believe the Gospel? b. After forgiving people, what *next* thing does God *continuously* work to do *to* them? c. Who indwells true believers, working in them to change them? d. If a person's life never really changes, does the Holy Spirit indwell them? e. If the Holy Spirit does not indwell them, are they saved?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Corinthians 15:2

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Luke 8:5-8; 11-15

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Hebrews 10:38,39

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4. People that "believe in vain" have an intellectual knowledge of the Gospel, but have not acted upon that knowledge by actually trusting in Christ alone for salvation – and therefore they are not yet forgiven and their lives therefore remain unchanged. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 2:15,16

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2. a. If a fellow believer is cold and hungry, what does he need? b. If we testify that we are compassionate to the cold and hungry believer, will that warm and fill him? c. What must we do in order to prove that our compassion is genuine? d. If we refuse to clothe and feed him, what does that say about our testimony of being compassionate? e. Is our professed compassion truly real?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 3:27,28

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II Corinthians 8:7,8

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I John 3:18

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4. God wants us to have our eyes and ears open to see the needs and hear the cries of the needy and be willing to help them if we can – and in doing so we will prove the sincerity of our love to them, because we have loved them in word *and* in deed. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 2:17,18.

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2. **a.** If we testify that we have compassion but fail to help others, what does this say about our testimony? **b.** If we testify that we have true faith, but we do not obey God, what does that say about our testimony? **c.** What proves that our verbal testimony is true? **d.** If our verbal testimony is not proven by actions, will others believe us? **e.** Will we have the credibility needed to evangelize?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Ephesians 2:10

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Matthew 5:16

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I Peter 2:12

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4. God saved us in order that we might be spared the penalty of Hellfire and that we might, through our good works, demonstrate to others His ability to change lives for the better, ultimately causing others to begin to think differently about Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 2:19

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2. **a.** When we say we “know something” what do we mean? **b.** Do devils (demons) have the ability to know things (to believe that certain things are true)? **c.** Is it possible to believe that airplanes are safe but still be afraid to fly? **d.** Is it possible to believe that Christ saves and yet not trust Him to save? **e.** Is it possible to believe (in the sense of knowing) but not be saved?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 8:28,29

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Mark 1:24

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Acts 16:16-18; 19:15

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4. Even the demons believe in the sense of knowing that something is true, yet demons cannot and will not be saved; true salvation is the result of understanding the Gospel, believing that it is true, and then trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 2:20.

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2. **a.** Does it make sense that true faith should result in a changed life? **b.** If a person were to examine his life and find that it has not really changed, what should he conclude about his faith? **c.** Do you think many people examine the genuineness of their faith and make the necessary correction? **d.** Why would people refuse to do this? **e.** What does the word “vain” mean?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 13:23

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Luke 6:43-45

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John 15:16

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4. Salvation is the *result* of the work of Christ and the faith of the believer and *results in* the forgiveness of sins and a changed life; if the life is not changed, there can be no salvation, and if there is no salvation, the faith therefore is not complete. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 2:14-20?

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2. After James’ thrice repeated emphasis regarding the necessity of true faith to be saved, do you believe that salvation is the result of knowing, believing, and trusting the Gospel and that this faith will demonstrate itself in observable good works?

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3. If you believe that salvation is the result of simply believing a set of facts, with no resultant change, will you repent of this erroneous doctrine and confess it as a heresy?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** Faith that does not result in a changed life is not saving faith because saving faith brings change by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

**b.** Saying that we have faith without a changed life is like saying we have compassion on people without helping with their need.

**c.** If we testify to our faith in Christ, we need to prove that our testimony is genuine by demonstrating visible change in our life.

**d.** We must always remember that believing in a saving way means that we not only know about Jesus, we also trust in Him.

**e.** If our lives do not show observable and positive change, we must consider the fact that we might not truly be saved people.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 2:21

Note: the word "justify" means "to declare as righteous." God justifies man by as a result of observing his faith while man justifies man as a result of observing his works. Faith is what God observes, and works are what man observes.

2. a. What promise did God make to Abraham regarding his only son Isaac (Genesis 15:5,18)? b. Did Abraham *believe* that God would bless Isaac's children? c. Before Isaac was old enough to have children what did God ask Abraham to do to Isaac? d. If Abraham *believed* God's promise to bless Isaac's children what should Abraham do? e. Did his actions prove his faith was real?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:

II Corinthians 5:17

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Hebrews 11:4,7,8,17,24

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I John 3:10

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4. If a person has trusted in Jesus as their Saviour, they now stand before God as a forgiven sinner, and the proof of their salvation is that they will begin to obey God in doing good works. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 2:22 ("perfect" means "complete; mature")

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2. a. Did God ask Abraham to offer Isaac before or after Abraham believed God? b. If Abraham refused to offer Isaac, would we think that he really believed God? c. Does God expect us to do good works before or after we are saved? d. If we refuse to even attempt to obey God, should we expect others to think that we have faith? e. What "fruit" does the "root" of faith produce?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:

John 14:12

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Ephesians 2:8-10

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James 2:18

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4. True faith in Christ *initially justifies* us before God (because our sins are forgiven) and *ultimately justifies* us before man (because our life is changed); the root of salvation is our faith in Christ and the fruit of salvation is our good works. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 2:23.

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2. **a.** Did God affirm that Abraham was saved by faith? **b.** While we recognize God's right to say that Abraham was saved, how do we know that he indeed was? **c.** Did God put Abraham's faith to the test, concerning Isaac? **d.** When his faith was put to the test concerning Isaac, what did Abraham do? **e.** Did Abraham's actions prove (fulfill) God's statements about Abraham or disprove them?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Romans 5:1

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Galatians 2:16

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Philippians 3:9

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4. Although our good works may declare us righteous before men, it is our faith that declares us righteous before God; however, our faith, if it is real, will indeed produce the good works that in turn prove that God has indeed saved us. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 2:24,25

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2. **a.** Will the true faith that results in salvation eventually produce good works? **b.** Which comes first, the true faith or the good works? **c.** Who sees the faith, and justifies (*forgives* and declares righteous) the believing sinner: man or God? **d.** Who sees the good works and justifies (*observes* and declares righteous): man or God? **e.** How then do good works justify a person?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 8:28,29

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Mark 1:24

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Acts 16:16-18; 19:15

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4. Even the demons believe in the sense of knowing that something is true, yet demons cannot and will not be saved; true salvation is the result of understanding the Gospel, believing that it is true, and then trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 2:26.

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2. **a.** If a body is separated from its spirit, is the body alive? **b.** Is the dead body any longer the same as a living body? **c.** Could a dead body in any way be compared to a living body? **d.** What would be the main difference between a dead body and a living body? **e.** Must both the spirit and the body be present in order for us to conclude that the body is indeed alive?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 13:20-22

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I Corinthians 15:2

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James 2:14

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4. True faith that results in salvation also produces good works, and if the good works do not ultimately come, then it must be concluded that there is no salvation and that the faith therefore was not real. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 2:21-26?

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2. Do you believe that true faith in Christ results first in the forgiveness of sins, (justification before God) but goes on the result also in good works, (justification before man) and that if a person is truly saved, their life will ultimately produce some fruit?

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3. If you believe that salvation is the result of simply believing a set of facts, with no resultant change, will you repent of this erroneous doctrine and confess it as a heresy?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

- a.** Abraham's *faith* resulted in *God* declaring him righteous, but Abraham's *obedience* resulted in *man* declaring him righteous.
- b.** The *root* of saving faith brings about the forgiveness of sins, but the *fruit* of saving faith brings about the doing of good works.
- c.** As the Lord changes our lives, producing fruit through us, the *genuineness* of the testimony of our profession of faith is fulfilled.
- d.** When *others* see the good works that our testimony of faith in Christ produces, this will move them to declared us righteous.
- e.** If our profession of faith does not ultimately result in the doing of good works, our profession of faith is not genuine.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 3:1 (“masters” means “appointed teachers”)

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2. a. Should all of us be able to teach others? b. However, if we teach error to others, can we do them harm? c. And, if we teach error to others and we hold the *position* of teacher, can we do them worse harm (why?)? d. If the *teacher by position* can do more harm, will God judge him more strictly? e. If God will judge him more strictly, will he then be chastised more severely?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 12:36

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II Corinthians 5:10

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Matthew 23:14

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4. God is listening to *every word* that we say, and *while we will be judged* for the things that He hears, the blessing will be great if we use our words to do others good, and the *chastising will be great* as well, if we use our words to do others harm. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 3:2 (“perfect” means “complete; mature”)

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2. a. How many believers “offend” (hurt others) in their speech? b. How often do *all* believers offend others in their speech? c. How does James describe the believer that does not offend (hurt others) in his speech? d. What is the hardest part of our body to control? e. If a believer is able to perfectly control his tongue, what else should he then be able to perfectly control?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 34:13

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Proverbs 13:3

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James 1:26

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4. God commands us to keep our lips pure, not saying anything that is evil or deceitful, and that our success in obeying this command depends on our ability to “keep” our mouth and not open it “wide” – which is also a mark of spiritual growth. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 3:3,4.

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2. **a.** Why do equestrians put a little bit in a big horse's mouth? **b.** Why do shipbuilders put a little rudder on a giant ship? **c.** What do the little bit and little rudder end up providing for the horse and ship? **d.** Does our little tongue ultimately steer the course of our own lives and (help steer others)? **e.** Do the things that we say often determine what decisions we and others make?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 73:24

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Proverbs 11:3

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John 16:13

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4. The purpose of Words of Counsel (whether from the Lord or from man) is to provide *guidance* to the believer and therefore that counsel should be governed by integrity and honesty, having first come from the Holy Spirit as He *teaches* us truth. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 3:5

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2. **a.** Compared to other parts of the body used for serving God, is the tongue a big or little part? **b.** Can we ultimately do more good for others with our hands or our lips? **c.** Is fire a good thing or a bad thing? **d.** How big of a fire (for good or bad) can a little match produce? **e.** How much work (for good or bad) can the little tongue do when we use it to speak words to others?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 12:18

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Proverbs 15:1

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Proverbs 18:21

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4. It is possible to speak words that result in the hurt of others or in the healing of others; it is possible to speak words that result in the calming of anger or in the stirring of anger; it is possible to speak words that produce spiritual death or spiritual life. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 3:6.

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2. **a.** How is the tongue like a little match? **b.** Is the fire that the match produces and the words that the tongue produces good or bad? **c.** How can we make sure that the match and the tongue do not produce destructive fore or words? **d.** If we do not control the tongue, will it produce good things or bad things? **e.** Does the tongue have a “mind of its own,” desiring to speak evil?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 64:2-8

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Proverbs 16:27,28

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Proverbs 26:20-25

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4. Though the tongue is capable of being used to speak words that greatly help, it is also like a match, that if used improperly can cause a blazing inferno that causes great harm such as damaging reputations, dividing friends, and destroying peace. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 3:1-6?

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2. Do you recognize the great harm or great good that your words can do to others, especially now that you are a believer and your words are under more scrutiny by others and by God, and that learning to bridle your tongue in order that it speaks good things and not bad things is a mark of spiritual maturity?

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3. If you believe that what you say is your business and it does not matter to you whether your words do great harm or great good to others, will you repent of this sin and confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

- a.** God holds Christians accountable for how their words are used with reference to helping or hurting other people.
- b.** All Christians hurt others often with their words, because the tongue is the hardest part of the body to control.
- c.** As a little bridle controls a horse’s direction and a little rudder a ship’s, so the tongue directs the lives of others.
- d.** In addition to directing the life of a person, the little tongue also provides the kindling for great catastrophes.
- e.** If uncontrolled, the tongue not only steer us and others wrong, but it will defile a person and ruin him.

**Daily Application  
Monday**

1. Summarize James 3:7.

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2. **a.** Has man tamed things that are much bigger than himself? **b.** Has man tamed things that are much stronger than himself? **c.** Has man tamed things that are much faster than himself? **d.** What things go into the taming of a big, strong, and fast animal? **e.** If man can with time, patience and discipline tame a big, strong, and fast beast, why is he unable to tame his tiny tongue?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Genesis 1:26

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Genesis 9:1,2

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Psalm 8:6-8

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4. Of all God's creatures, big and small, only man is made in the image of God and therefore to him only is given the command and the ability to tame the remainder of God's creation (except the angels) and to exercise rule and dominion over them. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 3:8.

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2. **a.** Can any man ever completely tame his tongue and control his speech? **b.** Why is it impossible to ever fully tame the tongue? **c.** When the tongue becomes unruly (out of control) does it do good or evil? **d.** When, uncontrolled and doing evil, what kind of harm does it do? **e.** Can a saved man, with the help of God, begin to tame his tongue and use it for good instead of evil?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 55:21

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Psalm 57:4

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Psalm 59:7

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4. Every step we make with God's help to control our tongue will be appreciated by others – because an uncontrolled tongue will often speak unruly words that are compared to a hastily drawn sword, a wild raging fire, and an unsolicited nasty belch. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 3:9.

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2. **a.** Can the tongue be used to speak words that are good? **b.** Does the tongue usually speak these words *after* thought or *without* thought? **c.** Can the tongue be used to speak words that are evil? **d.** Does the tongue usually speak these words *after* thought or *without* thought? **e.** What do others think when we say good things about God and bad things about His creation?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 141:3

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Matthew 5:44

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James 4:11

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4. We should seek God's help in controlling our tongue, so that our testimony before others would attract them to God, not repel them from God with words that are unkind to the lost (whom God loves) or to the saved (who are our brethren). T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 3:10.

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2. **a.** Can the tongue be used without thought sometimes and with thought at other times? **b.** When it is used with thought is the result good or bad? **c.** When it is used without thought is the result good or bad? **d.** Should the tongue be used in these two different ways, producing two different results? **e.** Considering our new life *in* and work *for* Christ, should we speak without thought?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 35:18

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James 5:9

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I John 4:20,21

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4. God wants us to praise His Name in the congregation and before our brethren; He does not want us to murmur against others in the congregation to our brethren – doing this *will only* show that our public praise of God was given falsely. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 3:11,12.

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2. **a.** Why is it that a fountain cannot put forth both sweet and bitter water? **b.** What would happen if you expected sweet water but got bitter water instead? **c.** Would you consider that fountain to be a reliable source of good water? **d.** Why is it that trees and fountains are consistent but people are not? **e.** What is it that people possess that trees and fountains do not possess?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:17,18

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II Corinthians 5:17

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I John 3:8-10

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4. Good trees cannot produce bad fruit and bad trees cannot produce good fruit; therefore, at salvation, God makes the bad person good (through justification and sanctification) and He thus expects the new person to begin taming the unruly tongue. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 3:7-12?

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2. Do you recognize the great harm or great good that your words can do to others, especially when you are careful and loving in what you say about God, but are without thought and hateful when you speak about people – and that you therefore ought to ask God to help you begin to control your tongue?

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3. If you believe that your words are your business no matter whether your words are *consistently* good or *inconsistently* good and evil, will you repent of this sin and confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

- a.** Using God-given ability, man has obeyed the command to tame strong, fast, and large beasts.
- b.** Oddly, however, man has had an extremely difficult time taming the tongue as God also commands.
- c.** Man's uncontrolled tongue leads him to make statements that are inconsistent with his controlled statements.
- d.** If a man makes uncontrolled statements about people, this proves that his controlled statements about God are lies.
- e.** It is unnatural, unseemly, and untasteful to speak in a loving public way about God, yet hateful, private way about others.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 3:13. (wisdom” is our manner of thinking)

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2. **a.** Is it possible for some believers to be spiritually wise and knowledgeable? **b.** Can the wise person’s wisdom be observable by others? **c.** What kind of “conversation” (manner of expressing one’s self) does a wise person demonstrate? **d.** What will characterize the wisdom that is the basis for his “good conversation?” **e.** What is the dictionary definition of “meekness?”

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 3:13,17

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Proverbs 10:31,32

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Proverbs 18:4,6

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4. If a believer uses Godly Wisdom, then what he does (and says) will be done (and spoken) in a good way, showing peacefulness and pleasantness, justice and righteousness, and will ultimately result in refreshment for others as well as blessing for himself. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 3:14.

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2. **a.** What characterizes the *bad way of thinking* that causes one to do in a *bad way of doing*? **b.** While envy and strife are both bad sins, what sin accompanies each of these sins? **c.** Should a believer be proud if these sins are in his heart? **d.** Should a believer justify the presence of these sins in his heart? **e.** Can we do the things we do in a bad way because we use bad wisdom?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Acts 13:45

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I Corinthians 3:3,4

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I Timothy 6:3,4

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4. If a believer’s way of thinking is characterized by envy and strife in his heart (and these are proudly defended), that believer will do what he does in a way that is characterized by arguing, ridiculing, dividing, boasting, railing, and false accusing other people. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 3:15.

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2. **a.** Does the wisdom (way of thinking) that is characterized by envy and strife come from God? **b.** If this way of thinking does not come from God and descend from above, what one of three places *does* it come from? **c.** Is there a way of thinking that is earthly (worldly)? **d.** Is there a way of thinking that is sensual (fleshly)? **e.** Is there a way of thinking that is devilish (Satanic)?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Corinthians 2:6,8 – (look up “rationalist”)

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Luke 12:15-21 – (look up “hedonist”)

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II Peter 2:10 – (look up “anarchist”)

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4. If a believer does not seek, obtain, and utilize God’s Wisdom, that believer will continue to think and act in a way that leaves out God’s Will (rationalism), that focuses on the pleasing of the flesh (hedonism) and that despises authority (anarchism). T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 3:16.

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2. **a.** Are envying and strife floating around out there or are they attitudes in people’s hearts? **b.** What is the first thing that the bad wisdom of envy and strife produces? **c.** Why is the presence of confusion such a bad thing? **d.** What is the second thing that the bad wisdom of envy and strife produces? **e.** What is another word used to describe what James here calls “evil works?”

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Acts 13:45 resulting in Acts 13:50

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I Corinthians 3:3,4 resulting in I Corinthians 4:6

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I Timothy 6:3,4 resulting in I Timothy 6:9

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4. Whenever the devilish, fleshly, and worldly wisdom of bitter envy and strife arise, it will invariably result in a confusion that leads to irrational decisions and to unrighteous actions such as looking down on others and tusting after worldly riches. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 3:17,18.

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2. **a.** While *bad* wisdom can originate from three different places, where alone does *good* wisdom come from? **b.** What is the very first quality mentioned about good wisdom? **c.** What does it mean to be “easy to be entreated?” **d.** What does it mean to be “without hypocrisy?” **e.** If what we do is done in a Good Way because we are thinking in a Godly Way, what will we produce?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 15:1

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Matthew 18:15

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Acts 16:23-34

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4. Since God’s Wisdom coordinates with His desire to see people saved, if we are utilizing Godly Wisdom, we will do what we do the right way, seeking always to defuse conflict, be reconciled with others, and ultimately share the Gospel with them. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 3:13-18?

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2. Do you recognize the importance of seeking, obtaining and utilizing a *Godly way of thinking* in order that you might do what you do in a *Good way of doing*, or do you think that it doesn’t matter why you do what you do or how you do what you do as long as you do it?

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3. If you believe that your way of thinking (your wisdom) and your way of doing (your conversation) do not matter, will you repent of this sin and confess it as such?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** God wants our works accompanied with a good conversation (way of doing) and out of a Godly way of thinking.

**b.** If our way of thinking is characterized by envy and strife, this is bad and we ought not to be proud of it or justify it.

**c.** This bad wisdom does not come from the Lord, but has its origin in the world, or of the flesh, or from the Devil.

**d.** Because the origin of this wisdom is not of God, the result of this wisdom is first confusion, followed by sinful actions.

**e.** If the wisdom does indeed originate with God, the character of that way of thinking will be peace, gentleness, and sincerity.

Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 4:1.

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2. a. Is it possible that believers may “war and fight” with each other? b. However, *before* believers war *with each other*, where does a *different war* take place? c. *Who lives* within the believer and leads the believer to do right? d. *What remains* part of the believer and leads the believer to do wrong? e. Are the preludes to war (envy and strife) actions of the Holy Spirit or the flesh?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
John 3:5,6

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Romans 7:22,23

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Galatians 5:15,16,17

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4. When a person is born again and made new on the inside, a struggle then begins between the outer man (the flesh) and the inner man (the Spirit) over which desire the believer will decide to fulfill – and often leading believers to hurt each other. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 4:2.

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2. a. Is it wrong to ever desire fulfillment in our lives? b. However, what is it that believers should desire even more than fulfillment? c. Is there a wrong way to try to obtain fulfillment? d. If we try to obtain fulfillment the wrong way, will God allow us to be truly fulfilled? e. What then, is the right way to obtain fulfillment and what then is the wrong way?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Jeremiah 33:3

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Luke 11:9,10

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John 14:13,14

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4. Because our Heavenly Father wants His children to be fulfilled, He commands us to come to Him in prayer when we are in need of something, and He (more than our earthly fathers) is willing to hear our properly prayed prayer and fulfill our request. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 4:3.

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2. a. Is it possible to seek fulfillment of desire through prayer, but pray for the wrong thing or with the wrong motive? b. Will God fulfill our desire if we pray in such a way? c. What should be the basis of all *proper* desire, God's Will or Self-will? d. Where does a desire for God's will originate? e. If a desire for God's will originates with the Spirit, where does Self-will originate?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 21:13

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Mark 11:25,26

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James 1:5-8

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4. We need to pray for the right thing the right way – if we want God's help us, we must be willing to help others; if we want God's forgiveness, we must be willing to forgive others; if we want God's wisdom we must want to do the right thing. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 4:4.

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2. a. What is the general definition of adultery? b. Is it possible to (out of wrong or unfulfilled desires) to become unfaithful to the Lord? c. Can a believer be a friend of the world and a friend of God *at the same time*? d. If God and the world are in opposition to each other, where does the friend of the world stand? e. Is it possible for a believer to stand in opposition to the Lord God?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Romans 12:1,2

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II Timothy 4:10

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I John 2:15,16

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4. Because the believer is first a citizen of heaven, and second an inhabitant of the world, the believer should not seek to be conformed to the world, the believer should not love the world, and the believer should not love the things of the world. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 4:5.

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2. **a.** Does God's Word ever reveal things that are unimportant to us? **b.** What does God's Word teach as to the title of the third person of the Godhead? **c.** What does God's Word teach as to the dwelling place of this Person? **d.** If the *Holy* Spirit lives *within* the believer, how does He want the believer to live? **e.** What does He do in order to influence the believer to do the will of God?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
John 16:13

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Romans 8:26,27

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Galatians 5:16,17; 19-23

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4. The Holy Spirit lives within the New Testament believer in order to help the believer properly learn the truth of God's Word, to help the believer fervently pray according to God's Will, and to help the believer to obediently walk in God's Way. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 4:1-5?

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2. Do you recognize that it is not wrong to desire fulfillment, but that we should seek fulfillment from the right things and we should get fulfillment the right way, and if we do not get fulfillment in the right things and in the right way, we will become envious of others and eventually fight and war with them?

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3. If you believe that getting fulfillment in anything and in any way is the pathway to true fulfillment, and is not the cause of conflict, will you repent of this sin and confess it as a sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

- a.** Warfare and fighting among believers begins when the believer's flesh wins the warfare it has with the Spirit.
- b.** It is not wrong to desire fulfillment, but it is wrong to desire the wrong things or to obtain them in the wrong way.
- c.** If our desire for fulfillment is not met, we should pray to God for fulfillment, but we should pray with a right motive.
- d.** If we desire fulfillment for worldly reasons or because we love worldly things, we then stand in opposition to our God.
- e.** We need to know and believe the Scriptural truth that the indwelling Holy Spirit desires things contrary to the flesh.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 4:6. ("grace" means "God's supernatural work")

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2. **a.** Is it possible for a fleshly, self-centered believer to be restored to fellowship with God? **b.** Who must work within the believer in order for this to happen? **c.** Is God the Holy Spirit willing to do this work? **d.** What spiritual quality is absolutely required in order for Him to do this work? **e.** If a sinning believer is stubborn, will the Holy Spirit help restore him to fellowship?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Hebrews 4:16

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Proverbs 28:9

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I Peter 3:12

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4. Because we need God's Grace in order to do His Will and bring glory to Him, God is very willing to give us His grace; however, if we are proud against the Lord, and refuse to submit to Him, He will refuse to give us this grace that we need. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 4:7.

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2. **a.** What separates the backslider from God's fellowship? **b.** What is the *first* thing the backslider must do if he would be restored to God's fellowship? **c.** After submitting himself to God, what will God now give him (see verse 6)? **d.** Having obtained the grace of God, what *second* thing *must* he now do? **e.** After resisting the temptation to sin, what can he enjoy once again?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 16:6

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James 1:12

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I Peter 5:6-9

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4. It is very possible for backslidden believers to depart from evil, to endure temptation, and to resist the Devil; but to do this, the backslidden believer must demonstrate true humility by fearing the Lord, loving the Lord, and beseeching the Lord. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 4:8a.

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2. **a.** Once a backsliding believer humbles himself and resists Satan, what *third* thing can he now do? **b.** In what four ways does a believer draw near to God (see Acts 2:42)? **c.** Who *helps* a believer draw near to God in these four spiritual disciplines? **d.** What does God do when humble, God-fearing believers draw near to Him? **e.** When God draws near to a believer, what happens?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 145:18-20

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Isaiah 55:6,7

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Luke 15:18-20

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4. Amazingly, God wants to fellowship with us and if we are willing to humble ourselves, deal with our sin, and draw near to Him, He will draw near to us and richly bless us, have mercy on us, and have great compassion on us and love for us. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 4:8b, 9. (the “heart” is “the origin of affection”)

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2. **a.** What term does James first use to describe the backslider? **b.** Because the backslider is a sinner, what must he do to his “hands”? **c.** What term does James next use to describe the backslider? **d.** Because the backslider is double-minded, what must he do to his heart? **e.** Should the backslider find his sin and double-mindedness things to laugh about or to weep over?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 51:10; 51:16,17

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Luke 15:18,19

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II Corinthians 7:10,11

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4. When a believer has strayed from the Lord, he has committed a sin (among other sins) that should not be taken lightly, but rather agonized over, allowing a godly sorrow to be produced that results in deep repentance and sincere confession. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 4:10.

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2. **a.** If a person has been knocked down, what one thing must he do in order to go on? **b.** Likewise, if our consistent failure to resist temptation results in our being *knocked down*, what must we do? **c.** However, can we get up and go on without God's help? **d.** In order to have the Lord's help, what must we first do? **e.** If we humble ourselves before God, what does He promise to do?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 18:12

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Matthew 6:33

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I Peter 5:5

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4. The premise of enjoying fellowship with God is the fact that He is the Shepherd and we are His sheep; if we humble ourselves before Him and put Him and His Will before our self and our will, He will honor us, meet our needs, and help us. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Saturday

1. What did you learn from James 4:6-10?

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2. Do you recognize that when you backslide, in order to be restored to fellowship with God, you must humble yourself before Him, you must (by His grace) resist the Devil's temptation, and you must (by His prompting) draw near to Him – and that if these steps are taken, God will draw near to you?

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3. If you believe that you can enjoy God's fellowship while you are continuing in sin, and that your sin is a matter to be taken lightly and not to be wept over, will you repent of this?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

**a.** God is willing to restore the backsliding believer to fellowship – but the backslider must first demonstrate humility.

**b.** If the backslider is willing to humble himself before God, then He will give the backslider the ability to resist the Devil.

**c.** Once the backslider has victory over his besetting sin, then the backslider can again partake of the four spiritual disciplines.

**d.** Because unrepentant sin breaks fellowship with God and leads to pride against God, these things should not be taken lightly.

**e.** The way to have satisfaction from God and the way to have restoration to God always begins with the believer being humble.

**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 4:11a. (“speaking evil” means “speaking harmfully”)

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2. **a.** While it would be wrong to speak evil of *anyone*, what should we be especially careful not to do? **b.** If another person is saved, Whose child are they? **c.** If all true believers are children of God, how is each then related to each other? **d.** What great work do brothers and sisters in Christ have to do? **e.** If we speak to harm one another, Who and what also gets hurt in the process?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
II Corinthians 10:8

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Ephesians 4:15,29

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II Thessalonians 3:14,15

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4. As children of God given the responsibility to minister the Word, we must use our standing and knowledge to help our brethren, not harm them, and we must speak the truth to them (as brothers, not enemies) in love, seeking to help them. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 4:11b. (the word “judge” means “to condemn”)

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2. **a.** If we speak evil of other believers, are we *commending* them or *condemning* them? **b.** Does God’s Law permit condemning other believers? **c.** If God’s Law forbids condemning other believers, should we do it? **d.** What is our attitude toward God’s Law if we willingly disobey it? **e.** If we have a bad attitude toward God’s Law, are we *commending* it or *condemning* it?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
John 3:17

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Luke 6:37

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Galatians 6:1

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4. Because Jesus did not come in order to condemn people, but rather to save them, those who know Jesus should not condemn other believers, but rather forgive them, and then, out of a spirit of humility, seek to restore them to fellowship with God. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 4:11c.

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2. a. As creatures of God, should we be *subject* to the Laws of our Maker? b. As children of God, should we be *subject* to the Laws of our Master? c. Where do we find the Laws our Maker and Master has given us to obey? d. Should we agree or disagree with the Laws of Scripture? e. If we speak evil of God's Laws, and condemn them, are we *obeyers* of the Law or *makers* of the Law?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Proverbs 3:5,7

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Romans 12:16 (the third sentence)

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I Corinthians 8:2

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4. If God's Word says that believers should not speak harmfully to each other, we *must* agree with Him and His Wisdom in this matter, and not elevate our way of thinking above His; always recognizing that *we know nothing* in comparison to Him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 4:12a.

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2. a. If we condemn the Law, (by justifying sinful actions as lawful) are we *agreeing* or *disagreeing* with the Law? b. Who gave the Law? c. If we disagree with *God's* Law, are we saying that His way is right or that our way is right? d. If we think that our way is right, are we recognizing One Lawgiver or two lawgivers? e. How do we know there is only one true Lawgiver?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Genesis 18:25

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Psalms 19:7

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Romans 12:19

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4. The God of all is the Judge of all, and we should be confident that the Judgments of our Judge are right and that the Laws of our Lawgiver are perfect; therefore we should let the Lawgiver make the Laws and Let the Judge do the Condemning. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 4:12b.

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2. **a.** Do believers have the right to condemn one another's *actions*? **b.** On the other hand, do believers have the right to condemn *one another*? **c.** Who alone has the right to condemn *a person*? **d.** If God alone has the right to condemn a person, Whose authority are we usurping if we condemn another person? **e.** Who (what) do we think we are, if we usurp God's authority?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 7:1

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Romans 14:13

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I Corinthians 4:5

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4. Spiritually minded believers should not speak harmfully of carnally minded believers, (which in effect, harms them) but should condemn the carnal believer's sins, speaking the truth in love (which in effect, helps them) not usurping God's role. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Monday

1. Summarize James 4:13,14a.

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2. **a.** Is it wrong for a believer to *plan* for the future? **b.** Yet, in planning for the future, does a believer know *exactly* what the future will bring? **c.** Who *does* know exactly what the future will bring? **d.** If God knows what the future will bring, would it be wise or unwise to *consult* Him about our future plans? **e.** What would *prevent* a believer from consulting God in his planning?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 95:7,8

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Proverbs 27:1

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Matthew 6:34

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4. Because we do not know what the future may bring, (in the way of good *or* bad things) God wants us to be willing to listen to His voice *each* day, not making our plans without consulting Him, and not being consumed with the future's activities. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Tuesday

1. Summarize James 4:14b.

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2. a. Compared to eternity, how *long* does life on this earth last? b. To get the most out of the brief time a believer has, *Whose* will should he seek to do? c. If a believer fails to obey God *today*, what might happen to him *tomorrow*? d. If a believer dies, what happens to his *opportunity* to obey God? e. If opportunity to serve God ends at death, what should a believer seek to do *today*?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Job 9:25,26

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Psalms 90:10,12

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Luke 12:16-20/Hebrews 3:7,8

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4. Because a believer's days on earth are brief and will pass by quickly, every believer ought to recognize the finiteness of his time on earth, and apply his heart to wisdom, seeking after and listening to the will of God as it concerns this very day. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Wednesday

1. Summarize James 4:15.

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2. a. What should be the basic *motivation* in everything a believer does? b. If a believer's true motive is to *glorify* God, *Whose will* should the believer seek to know and do? c. Does God have a will for *each* believer in life's major decisions? d. If a believer truly seeks to do God's will, upon what will he decide today's *actions*? e. Upon what will he make tomorrow's *plans*?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Ephesians 2:10/Psalm 37:23

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II Corinthians 5:15

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I Peter 4:2

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4. Because God has pre-ordained our works and presently orders our steps, if we truly desire to bring Glory to God by our works and deeds, we should determine in our hearts that we want to live our lives for Him, and we should seek to do His will. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Thursday

1. Summarize James 4:16.

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2. **a.** What is the *source* of a person's boasting? **b.** When a person boasts, how are they trying to *portray* themselves to others? **c.** If a believer announces his plans without *first* consulting God, how is he portraying himself to God? **d.** What does *God* call it when a believer announces his plans without consulting Him? **e.** Should a believer *rejoice* over plans that are made without consulting God?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Job 21:14,15

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Proverbs 1:28-30

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Malachi 3:13,14

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4. Sadly, there are many that do not desire the knowledge of God's ways, nor do they choose to fear the Lord's chastisement, nor do they recognize the benefit of obeying Him; these same folks will one day suffer the consequence of foolish pride. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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Daily Application  
Friday

1. Summarize James 4:17.

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2. **a.** Is it possible a believer *may not know* to consult God before making plans? **b.** Once a believer knows this, *what* should he begin to do? **c.** When a believer begins to *consult* God when making plans, what should he do as God *reveals* His will? **d.** What does God call it if a believer *fails* to do what he knows God wants him to do? **e.** Is sin doing *wrong*, or failing to do *right*?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Luke 12:47,48

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John 9:40,41

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James 1:22,25

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4. If we should know the will of God, but do not, we will suffer the consequence of disobedience; however, if we know the will of God, and willfully disobey, the consequence of disobedience will be greater - in any event God will not bless disobedience. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 5:1

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2. When James speak harshly against "rich men," what kind of rich men do you think he is speaking about? What is wrong with them?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 49:6,7

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Jeremiah 9:23

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Luke 12:16-19

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4. Wealthy people often sin in that they trust in their wealth, boast of their wealth, and become consumed with their wealth. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 5:2,3

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2. What will happen to the things that the rich trust in, boast of, and are consumed with? What will happen to these rich people?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 6:19

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II Peter 3:10,12

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I Timothy 6:9

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4. The goods of the ungodly rich man will be spoiled here on earth, melted at the return of Christ, and ultimately damn him. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Wednesday**

1. Summarize James 5:4

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2. In addition to trusting in, boasting of, and being consumed with wealth, what else do the ungodly rich also often do? Why so?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Deuteronomy 24:14,15

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Proverbs 22:16,22

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Zechariah 7:9-11

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4. The ungodly rich not only harm themselves, but they also tend to oppress the labourer, the destitute, and the helpless. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Thursday**

1. Summarize James 5:5 ("wanton" means "given to pleasure")

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2. What sin do you suppose James is accusing the ungodly rich of? What unspiritual attitude do the ungodly rich seem to have?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Job 21:11-15

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Psalm 73:5-12

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Isaiah 56:11,12

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4. The ungodly rich show they trust in wealth by forgetting about God, speaking against others, presuming upon tomorrow. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Friday**

1. Summarize James 5:6

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2. What final sin does James say that the ungodly rich are guilty of? Why is this a sin that rich people might commit more often?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Exodus 3:7,9

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Nehemiah 9:25,26 (notice what they did to the prophets)

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James 2:6,7

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4. Throughout history, the ungodly rich have oppressed the OT and NT people of God, as well as the prophets of God. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Saturday**

1. Summarize James 5:1-6

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2. What is your attitude toward the accumulation of wealth? When you have more than others, how do you treat them?

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3. If you are guilty of the sin of materialism, and have become apathetic to God and proud toward others, will you repent of this and confess it?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

While it is not a sin to have possessions, it is a sin to acquire possessions in a way that is contrary to God's will or to let possessions become that which we are trusting in, are proud of, or are consumed with. One day, all of our possessions will be corrupted on earth, or melted at the return of Christ. Therefore we should not let our possessions ruin our Christian life. In addition, the accumulation of wealth often produces a mistreatment of the poor due to pride, and a persecution of the just due to worldliness.

What did you learn?

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**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 5:7

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2. Why must a farmer be patient? How long does it take to produce a crop? What is God looking for you to harvest for Him?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Luke 8:15

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Galatians 6:9

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James 1:3,4

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4. Salvation's fruits are produced through time and trial, and therefore patience and endurance are needed for a full harvest. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 5:8 (the word "stablish" means "to strengthen")

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2. What must the believer do in order to patiently endure? How does the believer do this? How do athletes do this?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Luke 22:31,32

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II Thessalonians 2:16,17

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II Peter 1:11,12

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4. The believer is strengthened through the *testimony* of others, the *transforming* power of God and the *truth* of Scripture. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Wednesday**

1. Summarize James 5:9 ("grudge" means "to groan in despair")

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2. While it may be proper to groan in despair against sin, or groan in despair in prayer, who must we never groan against? Why not?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Romans 15:14

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Ephesians 4:2

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Colossians 3:13

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4. When fellow believers sin, we should admonish them, forbear them, and forgive them, but never groan against them. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Thursday**

1. Summarize James 5:10

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2. Why does James mention the prophets? What was it about the prophets that caused them to be so hatefully persecuted?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Acts 5:40,41/I Thessalonians 2:14-16

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Hebrews 11:32-38/II Timothy 3:12

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Matthew 5:10-12/I Peter 3:17,18

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4. Just like the prophets of old, we should expect to suffer for speaking the truth, living for God, and doing His will. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Friday**

1. Summarize James 5:11

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2. Was Job better off after suffering? How did his material and spiritual situations improve? Is suffering a good thing? Why?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
James 1:2-4

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I Peter 1:6,7

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Matthew 5:11,12

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4. Suffering patiently with joy produces the fruits of spiritual maturity, Christ-honouring faith, and Heavenly reward. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Saturday**

1. Summarize James 5:7-11

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2. Are you growing in your ability to endure suffering with joy, knowing that God is patiently producing fruit in and through you?

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3. If you are guilty of the sin of compromising with the lost (to avoid suffering) or groaning at fellow believers, will you repent of this sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

God is a husbandman (harvester) who seeks to harvest a glorious spiritual crop from the lives of His children. To do this, God takes much time and puts us through many trials. We therefore, must strengthen ourselves through the testimony of others, the power of God, and the truth of Scripture, in order that we may be able to endure. As we learn to endure persecution, we should also learn to endure the failures of our brethren. We should expect to suffer like the prophets of old, and for the same things. Through it all, we will mature spiritually, bring glory to God, and ultimately be rewarded in Heaven.

What did you learn?

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**Daily Application**  
**Monday**

1. Summarize James 5:12

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2. Why makes a person "swear on my mother's grave."? If we are known for honesty, should we need to make such oaths?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Deuteronomy 6:13

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Isaiah 65:16

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Matthew 5:33-37

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4. The only oaths the believer is allowed to make are those made to God; other than this, his "yes" or "no" should suffice. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 5:13a

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2. What should the believer do when he is afflicted (suffering evils, hardships, and troubles)? Should this be the first thing he does?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Psalm 50:7,15

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Hebrews 4:16

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I Peter 5:6,7

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4. When the believer is in a day of trouble, or is at a point of need, or is under a load of care, he should go to God in prayer. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Wednesday**

1. Summarize James 5:13b

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2. If believers should immediately pray when they suffer affliction, what should they immediately do when they are enjoying blessing?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Chronicles 16:7-9

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Psalm 13:5,6

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Ephesians 5:18-20

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4. God wants His children to be always counting their blessings and to then glorify His Name through joyful singing. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Thursday**

1. Summarize James 5:19

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2. Who is James speaking to? Can believers "err from the truth?" What does the word "convert" (as a verb) mean?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Timothy 6:10

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II Timothy 2:18

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II Peter 3:17

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4. It is possible for true believers to cease following God, being drawn away by money, false doctrine, and immorality. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Friday**

1. Summarize James 5:20 ("death" means "separation")

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2. When believers suffer a type of separation from God, whose responsibility is it to "convert" them (turn them around)?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Matthew 18:15

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Luke 22:31,32

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Galatians 6:1

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4. It is the responsibility of each believer to pray for his erring brethren, and to lovingly counsel them toward restoration. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Saturday**

1. Summarize James 5:12,13,19,20

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2. Are you using your tongue to speak truth, to pray and to praise, and to admonish your erring brethren back to spiritual health?

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3. If your tongue is used for evil and selfish purposes as opposed to good and God-glorifying purposes, will you repent of this sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

God has given us a tongue that can be used in a variety of good and Godly ways. First, the tongue should be used to speak the truth, making foolish oaths unnecessary. Next, the tongue should be used to offer both prayer and praise to the Lord. Finally, the tongue should be used to counsel backsliding believers back to a place of spiritual health and service.

What did you learn?

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**Daily Application  
Monday**

1. Summarize James 5:14

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2. What seems to distinguish this type of sickness from others? Why would only the church elders (pastors) be called? Think!

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Numbers 21:5,6

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Psalm 38:1-10

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I Corinthians 11:27-32

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4. When God's children persist in unconfessed sin, God may choose to chastise them with great sickness or even death. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Tuesday**

1. Summarize James 5:15

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2. If a believer is suffering sickness due to chastisement of sin, can the sin be forgiven and the sickness healed? What is required?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Numbers 21:7

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Job 42:7,8

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I John 5:16

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4. Scripture teaches us that at certain times God's chastisement is abated only after Godly people pray for the sinning ones. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Wednesday**

1. Summarize James 5:16

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2. What two things are necessary for the church to be restored to health when one member sins against another member?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
Numbers 21:7

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Job 42:8 (bringing a sacrifice to the altar was done as a demonstration of repentance and confession) \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeremiah 14:1,10,11

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4. Prayer for chastisement to cease should only occur after there has been confession to God and to those sinned against. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application**  
**Thursday**

1. Summarize James 5:17

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2. What did God do to the sinning and unrepentant Israelites in response to the prophet's prayer? Does God chastise sinners?

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3. Look up and paraphrase the following verses:  
I Kings 17:1

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Psalm 28:4

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II Timothy 4:14

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4. For the sake of the well being of God's people, sometimes it is proper to ask God to chasten those who are causing harm. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Friday**

1. Summarize James 5:20 ("death" means "separation")

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Luke 22:31,32

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Galatians 6:1

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4. It is the responsibility of each believer to pray for his erring brethren, and to lovingly counsel them toward restoration. T or F?

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

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**Daily Application  
Saturday**

1. Summarize James 5:14-18

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2. Do you confess your sin to God only, and then stubbornly refuse to apologize to those that you have offended?

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3. If your repentance and confession is incomplete and thus you are still under God's chastisement, will you repent of this sin?

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4. Write out a sample prayer asking God to help you become more Christlike in this area of your life.

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5. Review!

Some sickness is due to unconfessed sin, especially at the Lord's Table. When this type of chastisement occurs, James exhorts the repentant sinner to confess his sin to God and to the offended ones. He is then to seek their prayer for healing in his behalf. When the offended ones obey God in praying for their erring brother, God then ceases from chastening and heals the sickness.

What did you learn?

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