

James 1:1-18 (9-1-24)
CORE Questions

Read James 1:1-18

1. How do you typically respond when you encounter trials or difficulties in your life?
 - Reflect on how you can cultivate joy in the midst of challenges, knowing that they produce endurance.
2. In what areas of your life do you feel you need more wisdom?
 - Consider how you can more intentionally seek wisdom from God, asking in faith without doubting.
3. Do you find yourself doubting God's ability or willingness to provide what you need?
 - Examine the root of any doubts and how they may be impacting your spiritual stability and growth.
4. How do you view your circumstances, whether humble or prosperous?
 - Think about how you can find contentment and glory in your current situation, understanding its temporary nature.
5. When facing temptation, do you recognize it as something arising from within rather than from God, or do you ever find yourself blaming God for your struggles with temptation?
 - Reflect on how you can better guard against being "carried away and enticed" by your own desires.
6. How often do you pause to recognize and give thanks for the good gifts in your life as coming from God? Why do you think James tells us this right after explaining that our struggle against sin doesn't come from God?
 - Consider ways you can cultivate a heart of gratitude, acknowledging God as the source of every good and perfect gift.

Memory Scripture: James 1:2-3

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

Prayer Prompt: *Father...let Your steadfast and perfect love be an anchor for my soul. Make me steadfast and immovable in my faith and affection for you no matter what season of life I find myself in. Teach me to take responsibility for my own struggles and to look for all of the good and perfect gifts in every day of my life. In Jesus Name...Amen and Amen!*