

## Book of James ~ Follow-up Quiz ~ What did you learn?

- Who was the man who wrote this book (letter)?
  - James, the brother of John.
  - James, son of Alphaeus.
  - James, the brother of Jesus.
  - King James.
- To whom was he writing the letter?
  - Gentiles.
  - Paul and Timothy.
  - Jewish Christians.
  - Romans.
- Very early in the letter, James said we should:
  - Try to avoid trials and temptation.
  - Be quick to listen, slow to speak.
  - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
  - Have an attitude the same as Jesus.
- James says that anyone who listens to the word and does not do what it says is like a:
  - ship without a rudder.
  - demon.
  - man who looks at his face in a mirror and forgets what he looks like.
  - person who gives special attention to a man wearing fine clothes.
- Why does James say we should not discriminate against poor people?
  - They will have great power in heaven and will get you back.
  - Because you are then acting like an evil or crooked judge.
  - They will drag you into court when they get a chance.
  - God commanded that we should treat poor people better than rich people.
- James says, "Whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point..."
  - ... is condemned in the sight of God."
  - ... should confess and will be forgiven by God."
  - ... is guilty of breaking all of it."
  - ... should abstain from sinful desires that war against your soul."
- In verse 2:14, James speaks of a person having faith without deeds and asks, "Can such faith save him?" Can it?
  - Yes.
  - No.
  - Maybe.
- What does James say about faith without deeds?
  - It comes from within.
  - He gives examples of it from the Old Testament.
  - It is a part of our sinful nature.
  - It is useless and dead.
- Why does James say that not many people should try to become teachers?
  - Because teachers waste most of their time with discipline and not with teaching.
  - Because there were (and are) too many teachers already.
  - Because teachers are judged at a higher standard than other professions.
  - Because teaching does not pay well.
- James says that the tongue \_\_\_\_\_ the whole person.
  - corrupts (defiles, dirties)
  - controls (guides, governs)
  - reflects (mirrors, imitates)
  - kills (flames, strangles)
- Which of these examples did James **not** use to show that if you control your tongue you can control your body?
  - A bit in the mouth of a horse.
  - Rudder steers a ship.
  - Tiny mustard seed produces very large tree.
  - Small spark starts a forest fire.
- James says that wisdom is demonstrated by:
  - the ability to make wise decisions in difficult circumstances.
  - living the good life and doing deeds in humility.
  - not being bitter, jealous, and selfish.
  - following the Proverbs of Solomon.
- What does James say causes fights and quarrels among you?
  - The devil.
  - Your desires.
  - Anger and temper.
  - Your brothers and sisters and other people.
- Can you love both God and the world?
  - Yes.
  - No.
  - Partially.
- What happens if you try to love both God and the world?
  - You'll slip on a banana peel.
  - Foolish pride will prevent you from receiving God's grace.
  - You will become an enemy of the world.
  - God will help you make lots of money.
- Which of these is **not** commanded by James in vs. 4:7-10?
  - Resist the devil.
  - Grieve and mourn.
  - Be joyful in the Lord.
  - Humble yourself.
- James advised against boasting about your plans. Why?
  - Making a profit is bad
  - You'll disappear like a mist
  - People worship their plans like an idol.
  - Pride is bad.
- In chapter 4, James moves from sins of commission to sins of omission. Omission of what?
  - Not planning ahead.
  - Not telling others about Jesus.
  - Not worshiping the Lord with all your heart.
  - Knowing what to do and not doing it.
- James says that "the coming of the Lord is near (or at hand)." When does that mean?
  - Tomorrow.
  - James thought He was coming back then (but he was wrong).
  - It was a poetic figure of speech.
  - It means Jesus' coming is always at hand and could be any time.
- James says we should be patient in the face of suffering. Why?
  - Because farmers wait for the autumn and spring rains.
  - Because Job persevered.
  - Because the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
  - Because the Lord's coming is near.
- What does James say will cover a multitude of sins?
  - Bringing back someone from the errors of his way.
  - Reciting the Lord's prayer among unbelievers.
  - Being firm in your belief so you will not be accused of being neither hot nor cold.
  - Taking an oath before the elders of the church.

## **Review of Book of James (and applying it to your life)**

1. What attitude did James tell people to exhibit when they are facing trials? Why? (James 1:2-3)
2. What good has ever come out of a difficult situation in your life?
3. When are you most likely to lose your temper? Has losing your temper and being quick to speak ever gotten you in trouble?
4. If you were 100 miles from home with no money, no credit cards, no phone, no friends, and no transportation, what would you do to survive and make it home? Is believing you will get home (faith) enough? Or should you do something too?
5. How did James describe faith that has no accompanying deeds? (James 2:17)
6. What is so difficult about taming your tongue?
7. What life experiences increase our wisdom? How can we get heavenly wisdom? (James 3:13, 3:17-18)
8. What is the root cause of fights and quarrels between people? (James 4:2)
9. How can you reduce pride and increase humility in your life? (James 4:7)
10. How can we make plans for business or living that are pleasing to God? (James 4:15)
11. How can we use our resources to reflect what is important to God? (James 4:17)
12. What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers, i.e., blaming others for what goes wrong in your life? (James 5:9)
13. What hinders Christians (you?) from praying with confidence?
14. Why does James tell us to confess our sins to each other in 5:16?
15. Why does James emphasize bringing someone back to the faith in 5:19-20? What does he say will be your reward if you do so?
16. What's the bottom line in the book of James?