

# The Book of James

## Faith in Action – Lesson #6

The Book of James is a practical communication from James to especially Jewish Christians. Throughout his letter, James speaks about the urgency of living for Jesus Christ. He calls for complete commitment to Jesus because He is coming again soon. Chapter 5 covers three basic subjects: 1) a warning about the love of money; 2) perseverance in suffering; and 3) prayer and concern for others, especially the troubled and struggling in our influence.

Review:

1. James speaks strongly to those who have been seduced by wealth and are rich in the world but not rich toward God. What words of James 5:1-6 describe the judgment of those who are not rich toward God? What words speak of how they are deceived?
2. List three condemnations against the selfish rich. What does 1 Peter 2:21-25 add to this conversation?
3. How are you doing? What is the status of your management of the wealth you have? If Jesus watched your financial decisions what would He say? Thank Jesus for the forgiveness that He offers and the renewed opportunity to be a better manager for Him.
4. The Christians of the first century expected Jesus Christ to come again in their lifetime. This gave a sense of urgency to their lifestyle for Christ. Why are we, who live in 2020, dulled to this eager expectation of Jesus coming? What are some things that we can look forward to when He comes again?

5. "Standing firm in faith" and "grumbling" seem to be opposite attitudes and even lifestyles as we live in difficult times. List some Biblical role models (from Hebrews 11) and their example of "standing firm". What do you admire most about them? How can you be more like them as you wait patiently for Jesus' return?

6. What is swearing? How does it differ from cursing? How is not swearing an example of "standing firm"?

7. What statements about prayer in verses 13-20 resonate with you? Is prayer your first inclination?

8. What can be the benefit of anointing with oil when healing? Is healing up to us or is it God's doing? What do we do when our prayers go unanswered especially in regards to healing? How do we pray so that we are praying according to God's will?

9. What is the greatest gift that you could give a friend, associate, loved one, or anyone?

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