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"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another"

Study #2 -James 1:1-12

How To Handle Trials –part 1

The Book of James

Men the book of James is a short instructive and very practical book. For that reason it's been called the "Proverbs" of the New Testament. As a practical way of preparing for study try reading the entire book at least once each week during our studies in this book.

1. After the greeting of –vs.1, James jumps right into coaching believers into more successful living. What does he encourage fellow believers to do in –vs. 2?

2. What does the word "trial" or "temptations" mean?

3. What has been one of your most difficult trials in life? How did you do handling that? In –vs. 1-27 James wants to help people think and deal more biblically with the trials in life.

18. What is meekness? How do you become meek?

How to Handle Trials -James 1:2-25

1. The Key… _____ -1:2
2. The Attitude… _____ -1:2
3. The Process of… _____ -1:3
4. The Purpose of… _____ -1:4
5. The Need for… _____ -1:5
6. The Need for… _____ -1:6-8
7. The Need for… _____ -1:9-11

"As in nature, as in art, so in grace, it is rough treatment that gives souls, as well as stones, their luster. The more the diamond is cut the brighter it sparkles; and in what seems hard dealing, there God has no end in view but to perfect His people. –Thomas Guthrie

15. What do we also need according to –vs. 6? How does -Heb. 11:6 & -Rom. 10:17 relate?

16. What is the problem we're warned about in –vs. 6 & 8? How does -Prov. 3:5,6 relate to this?

17. What is the need pointed out in –vs. 9-11?

4. Do you notice James does not say "if" you fall into various trials… but "when". Trials come to all of us. What did Jesus say about trials in –Jn. 16:33 & -Mt. 6:34?

5. What is the key concept James shares in –vs. 2? What is to lead us in trials –mind or emotion? What does the word "count" or "consider" mean? [Use a Greek dictionary –Strong's, Vines, or Thayer's to get an understanding of what James is challenging believers to do.]

6. What is the key attitude to maintain in trials according to –vs. 2? Can you create this on your own?

7. Trials are a part of what process in –vs. 3?

8. What do trials, coupled with understanding & cooperating in this process, produce according to –vs. 3?

9. What is “patience” or “endurance” –vs. 3? Why are there “various” or “divers” trials?

10. Because you understand the key concept in how to handle trials (–vs. 2 “consider”), what does James assume in –vs. 3? What happens when emotions are managing our life?

11. What is the purpose of testing according to –vs. 4? How does –1 Ptr. 1:6,7 & -Rom. 5:3-5 relate?

12. What does “perfect” and “complete” mean in –vs. 4? What is the will of God according to -1 Thess. 4:1-3a?

13. What do we often lack according to –vs. 5? What is this and why do we need it? Why do we lack it?

14. Who is the giver of wisdom and what must we do to receive it according to –vs. 5 (Prov. 2:6!)