# Letter of James Malking Drophetically



This book belongs to:

### Our prayer for you:

Father God, You are all-glorious and true! You honor Your Word above all Your names so we declare Your Word - Psalm 138:2, Psalm 1 and Matthew 6:13.

### Lord we pray Your blessing:

That we would not follow the advice of the wicked, Or stand around with sinners, Or join in with cynics and scoffers.

But O Lord let our delight be in doing everything You want. Help us meditate on Your Word day and night.

### Your promise is:

We will be like trees planted along the riverbank, Bearing fruit each season without fail! Our leaves will never wither, And in all we do, we will prosper.

#### You warn us:

This is not true of the wicked.
They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.
They will be condemned at the time of judgment.
Sinners will have no place among the godly.

Lord, You promise You will watch over the path of the godly. But the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

Abba, lead us from temptation, deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory.

#### Amen.

Welcome:

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" - James 4:8a. In these radical days, this scripture from the Letter of James, is an urgent exhortation to each one of us! We are living in biblically prophetic times. It is only by divine revelation and humble obedience that we can live steadfastly and even thrive in these confusing days.

We have been given the letter of James to challenge and teach us about real faith that shows itself by real works. We need to turn our world upside down as they did in the first Church. They were known by their love for one another. They were the Gospel with "skin on." They changed the world forever. Now it's time for us to take up the charge.

James' letter equips us to walk worthy of our calling of God in Christ Jesus. We are to be the real church, the Gospel to a world who needs to see and hear the love of Jesus tangibly. We can help them realize their spiritual need and that there is a sure hope in Jesus.

The Church is the place we are to get built up, stirred up and poured out like salt and light into this dark sick world. We can have compassion and good works, powerfully living it out by our word and deed. We are to be anointed messengers proclaiming "Jesus is Risen! He is Savior and Lord!" Jesus is coming soon! Are you ready? This is by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us to will and do of His good pleasure.

We need to be confident, understanding who we are in Christ, and knowing what that means. God is shaking us, by all that is happening in our world, to get our attention. We bring the atmosphere of heaven when we walk in what we say we believe! James shows what that means in his letter to us.

Psalm 1:2 speaks plainly about those who are blessed. "They are the ones who delight in doing everything the Lord wants; day and night they think about His law." This always begins with our relationship with Christ Jesus, God the Father and the mighty Holy Spirit. Let us "Draw near to God" because He is faithful to His Word and He promises "He will draw near to you." Then we can, by our witness and testimony in word and deed, answer everyone who asks about the hope that lies within us.



- We will be working from the English Standard Version Bible for the scripture portions.
- Remember to begin your time in the Word with prayer. Ask to see, hear and believe
  while responding to the voice of the Father.
- Read the complete chapter each week as we study through selected portions of the book of James. This will give you context for the chosen scripture as you learn to "Walk Prophetically" through James.
- All of the questions are prompts to help you see, hear and respond to the voice of the Lord as you read His Word.
- Partner with at least one person in prayer. Partnering in prayer gives you accountability, as well as someone you can minister to and hold up throughout the week as they do the same for you.



January 23rd - Lesson One - James 1:1-4

January 30th - Lesson Two - James 1:5-18

February 6th - Lesson Three - James 1:19-27

February 13th - Lesson Four - James 2:1-13

February 20th - Winter Break NO study

February 27th - Lesson Five - James 2:14-26

March 5th - Lesson Six - James 3:1-12

March 12th - Lesson Seven - James 3:13-18

March 19th - Lesson Eight - James 4:1-7

March 26th - Lesson Nine - James 4:7-17

April 2nd - Easter Break NO study

April 9th - Lesson Ten - James 5:1-6

April 16th - Lesson Eleven - James 5:7-12

April 23rd - Lesson Twelve - James 5:13-20

## Lesson One

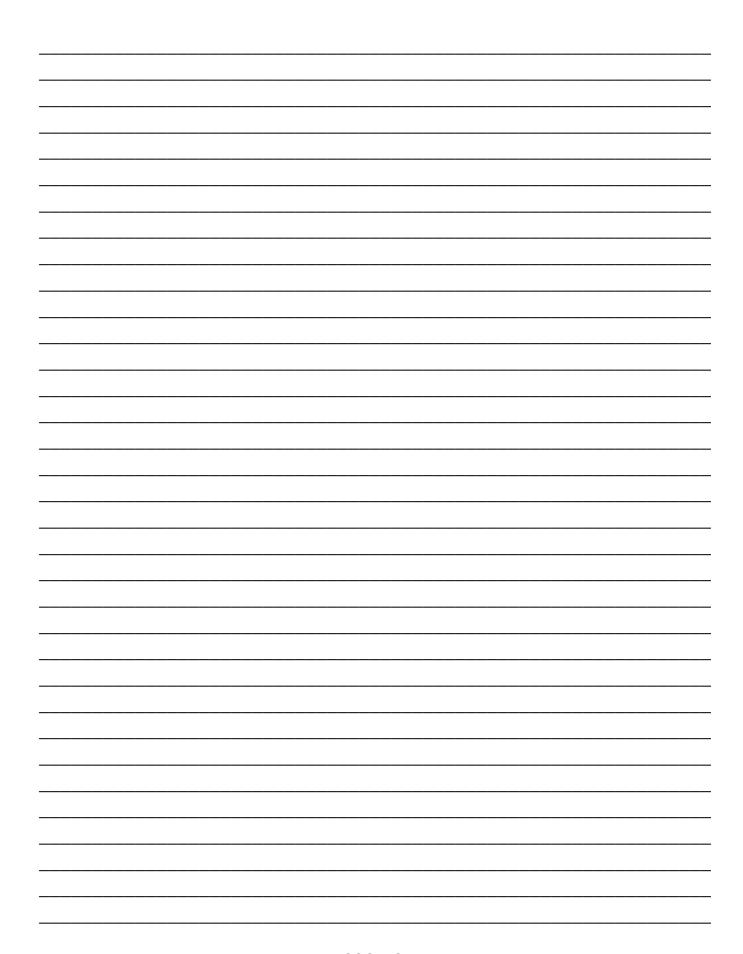
### James 1: 1-4

Lord God Almighty, King of all, I come in adoration and supplication. Lord, I pray to see and hear You; to know Your will, to walk in Your way, and to be Your humble servant. It is Jesus who bought me at great cost by His sacrifice. It is the Holy Spirit's anointing that empowers me to walk worthy of this calling. It is mercy and grace that gives me the relationship to be Your daughter. Teach me, I pray, to be a praise and glory to You and to bless Your Holy Name!

Amen.





### Before you begin:

Read the whole chapter of James 1 for context and understanding. Re-read this portion of scripture to see and hear what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you.

Letter of James

James 1: 1-4

"1. James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion; Greetings. 2. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3. for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."



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- How does James identify himself? (1:1)
- To whom is this letter written? (1:1)
- Can you picture "dispersion?" (1:1)
- What attitude is James exhorting in the midst of trials? (1:2)
- What will this attitude produce? (1:3-4)
- What will be the lasting fruit? (1:3-4)

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- In James' introduction of himself and description of who He is writing to? (1:1)
- In "your" dispersion? (1:1)
- In your trials, as you personalize these scriptures? (1:1)
- In James' exhortation to joy? (1:2)
- In James' explanation of steadfastness and its fruit? (1:3-4)



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What is your heart's response to -

- How James identifies himself? (1:1)
- How James challenges? (1:2)

<ul> <li>How James identifies steadfastness and its lasting fruit? (1:3-4)</li> </ul>



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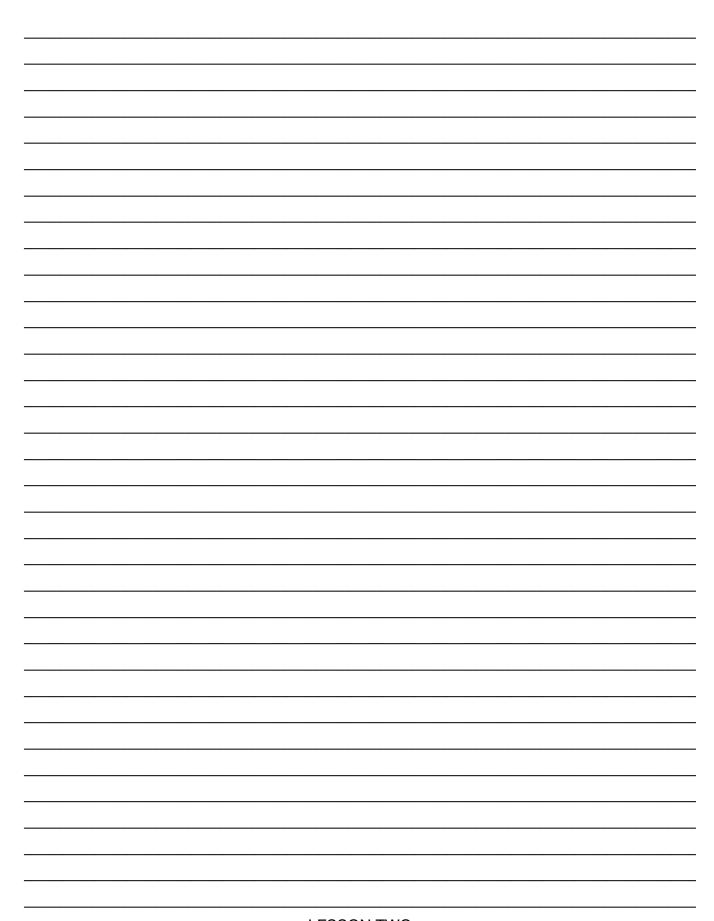
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Father God, all praise is due you; for Your Name is above every other name. I come to You desperate, longing to see and hear the Word that Jesus lived and that Your Spirit is revealing to me today. Open, I pray, the eyes of my heart to understand, to receive and to obey, for in this You are glorified and in this I am being transformed more into the image and likeness of Your Son, my Savior Jesus.

Amen.





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"5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."



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- How are you encouraged to respond when you need wisdom? (1:5-7)
- What is the description of a doubter? (1:8)
- How are the poor and rich described? (1:9-11)

• How and why were you brought forth? (1:18)

- What is the promise to the one who remains steadfast? (1:12)
- How is temptation and goodness described? (1:16-17)




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- About wisdom, faith and doubting? (1:5-8)
- About position in this world whether poor or wealthy? (1:9-11)
- About the result of steadfastness and temptation? (1:12-15)

<ul> <li>About God's sure promise and will for us? (1:16-18)</li> </ul>



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What is your heart's response to -

- The challenge to joy, steadfastness and faith? (1:5-8)
- The challenge of spiritual perspective for poor and wealthy? (1:9-11)
- The requirement or consequence for the crown of life? (1:12-15)
- The Father's unchangeableness and His plan for us? (1:16-18)



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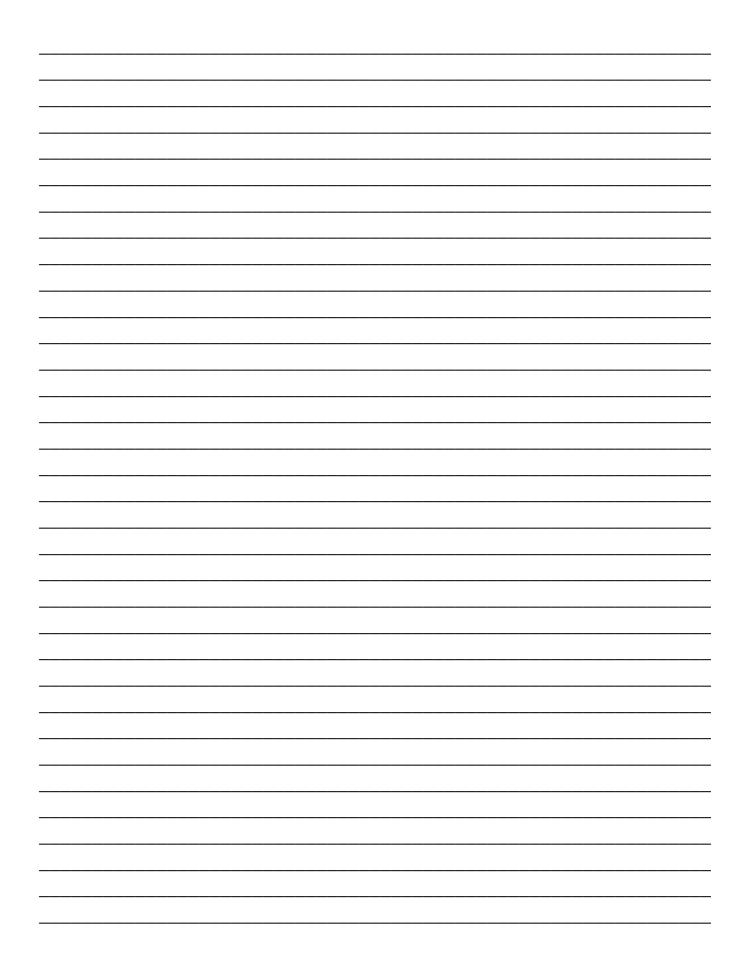
Abba Father, your Word is alive and sharper than every two-edged sword!

Open my eyes to see, my ears to listen and my heart to obey! May I be a doer of the Word that is revealed to me through Your Holy Spirit.

Amen.





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Letter of James

James 1:19-27

"19. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20. for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls. 22. But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."



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What does James want you to "know"? (1:19-20)

• What is the proof of false and true religion? (1.26-27)

- Why does he want you to know this? (1:19-20)
- What are you to put away and receive? (1:21)
- What is the benefit? (1:21)
- Why are you to be doers of the Word not just hearers? (1:22-23)
- How does the mirror show the different pictures of a hearer and doer of the Word? (1:22-23)
- Who is promised a blessing? (1:24-25)

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- About the dangers of anger? (1:19-20)
- About filthiness, wickedness, meekness and deception? (1:21-24)
- About the law of liberty, perseverance and blessing? (1:25-26)
- Not bridling your tongue? (1:25-26)
- About pure and undefiled religion? (1:27)



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What is your heart's response to -

- The exhortation and description about anger and meekness? (1:19-21)
- The exhortation about being doers of the Word and not just hearers? (1:23-25)
- The exhortation about deception of the perfect law of liberty? (1:23-25)
- The exhortation about the tongue? (1:26)

• The exhortation about what pure religion is? (1.27)

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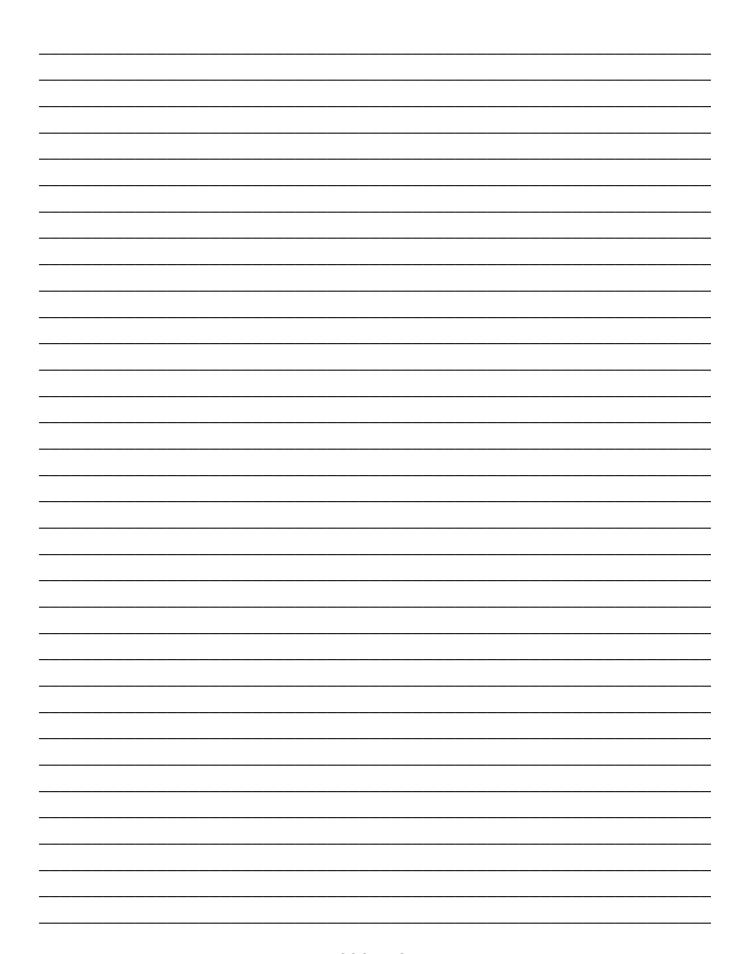
### James 2:1-13

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, You alone are worthy of praise. King of Kings my heart longs to bring You praise and glory. Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to believe. I desire to obey You in all that Your Holy Spirit reveals of Your perfect law of liberty. Lord that I would live and move in truth and grace.

Amen.





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Read the whole chapter of James 2 for context and understanding. Re-read this portion of scripture to see an hear what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you.

Letter of James

James 2:1-13

"1. My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in 3. and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or "Sit down at my feet" 4. have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5. Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? 6. But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7. Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? 8. If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself," you are doing well. 9. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and convicted by the law as transgressors. 10. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. 11. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over iudgment."



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- What do you learn about "partiality" as you practically hold the faith? (2:1-4)
- How do your actions with others reflect what you truly believe? (2:5-7)
- How is the "royal law" and "being judged under the law of liberty" shown?
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- Concerning partiality and faith? (2:1-7)
- Concerning the royal law and partiality? (2:8-11)

Concerning the law of liberty and mercy? (2:12-13)



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What is your heart's response to -

- Holding the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory? (2:1)
- The temptation to show partiality to the rich and what this shows about your heart values? (2:2-4)
- God's scale of value? (2:5-8)
- The consequence of partiality? (2:9-11)
- The exhortation to speak and act as one judged under the law of liberty? (2:12-13)



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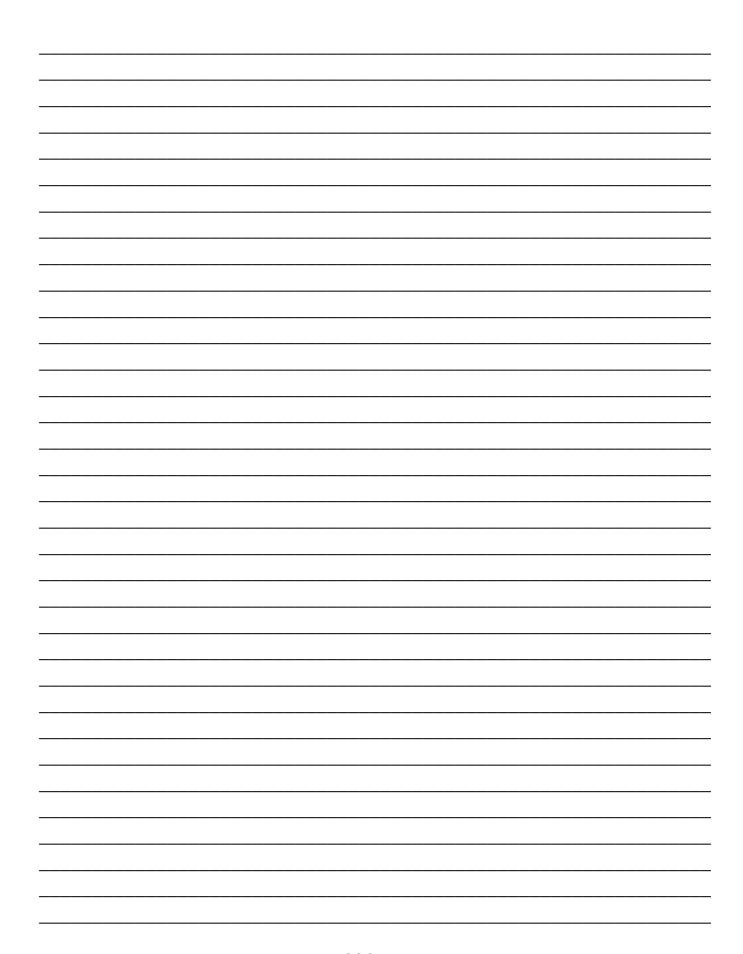
Father God I pray for revelation in what it means to live out my faith in You so that I will not be deceived. Holy Spirit I surrender to You and ask You to open my spiritual eyes and my spiritual ears. I submit my will to You that I would do of Your good pleasure.

Amen.





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Letter of James

James 2:14-26

"14. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15. If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking daily food, 16. and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17. So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works," Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder! 20. Do you want to be shown you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21. Was not Abraham, our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22. You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works 23. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" - and he was called a friend of God. 24. You see that a person is justified by works and not faith alone. 25. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26. For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."



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- What is the practical challenge you see of faith and works? (2:14-16)
- What do demons have to do with faith and works? (2:17-19)

• What is the conclusion you see from these proofs? (2.26)

What do the examples of Abraham and Rahab show you about faith and works?
 (2:20-25)

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- In the question of faith, works and salvation? (2:14)
- In not meeting the needs of those who come to you and dead faith? (2:15-17)
- In the argument "you have faith and I have works" ?(2:18-22)
- In the scriptures of Abraham and Rahab? (2:23-25)
- In the conclusion of body, spirit, faith and works? (2:26)



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- Faith and works scripturally? (2:15-22)
- Faith and the relationship blessing? (2:23-26)




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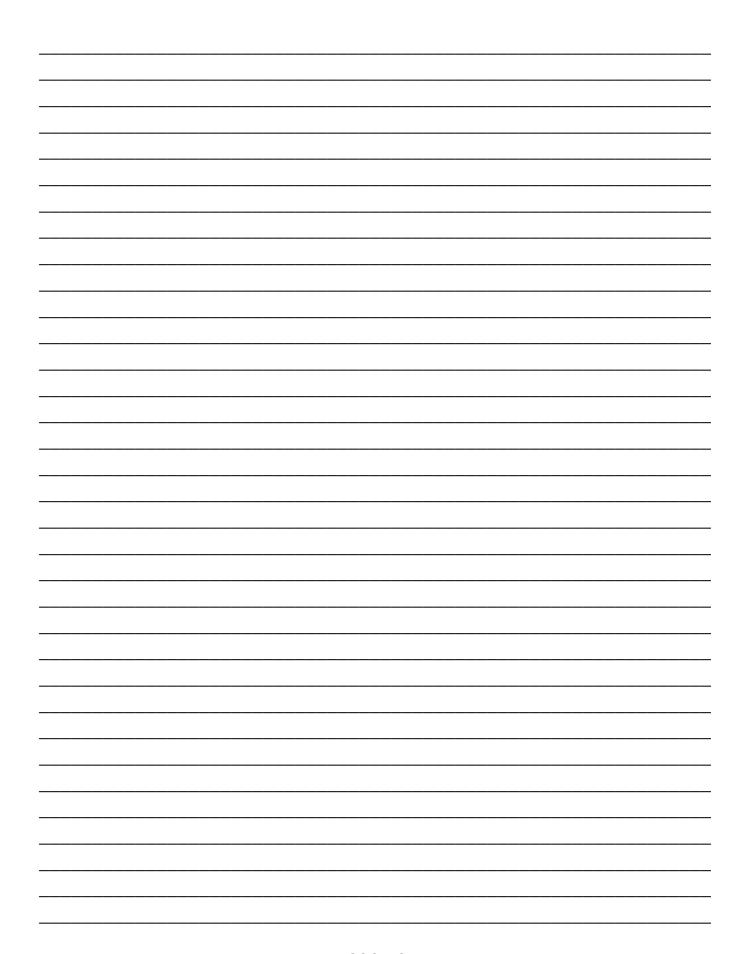
James 3:1-12

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James 3:1-12

"1. Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4. Look at the ships also; though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire. 6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8. but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12. Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water."



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- What is the warning and the encouragement about teaching? (3:1-2)
- How is the tongue compared to horses, ships and forests? (3:3-5)
- What judgment is made concerning the tongue? (3:6-10)

• How do the comparisons in nature bring judgment to the tongue? (3:11-12)



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• In the warning about teaching? (3:1-2)

• In the conclusion? (3:11-12)

- In the warning about the tongue being a fire? (3:3-10)
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King God, Your wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle and full of mercy. Your wisdom is sincere. Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to believe. Help me obey, that I would reap a harvest of righteousness for Your glory, that is sown in peace, by my words and deeds.

Amen.





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"13. Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15. This is not the wisdom that comes from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."



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• What is the harvest? (3:17-18)

- How can you discern if someone is wise and understanding? (3:13)
- What are the telltale marks of earthly wisdom? (3:14-16)
- Where does it come from and what fruit does it bear? (3:14-16)
- What are the telltale marks of wisdom from above? (3:17-18)

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- From the bookends of this passage; 3:13 and 3:17?
- From the body of this passage; 3:14-16?
- From the conclusion of this passage; how a harvest of righteousness is sown? (3:18)



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- The contrast of the wise and understanding versus those who are false to truth, and the demonic? (3:13-15)
- The fruit of earthly wisdom? (3:16)

• The	e description of pure wisdom and how to sow righteousness? (3:17-18)	



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## James 4:1-7

Lord God, I need You. Purify my heart. Give me I pray, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. Lord I want to know the hope of which You have called me, to be to Your praise and glory!

Amen.





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Letter of James

James 4:1-7

"1. What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2. You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3. You ask. And do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with this world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5. Or do you suppose that it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us"? 6. But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. 7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."



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- What is the description and consequence of your passions within you? (4:1-3)
- What is the description of "adulterous" people? (4:4)

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- About quarrels, fights, passions, war, desire and murder? (4:1-2)
- About what is revealed by how you ask? (4:3-4)
- About how God yearns jealously over you? (4:5-7)
- About how He gives grace to the humble? (4:5-7)



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•	The heart of God for you and His remedy to you? (4:5-7)



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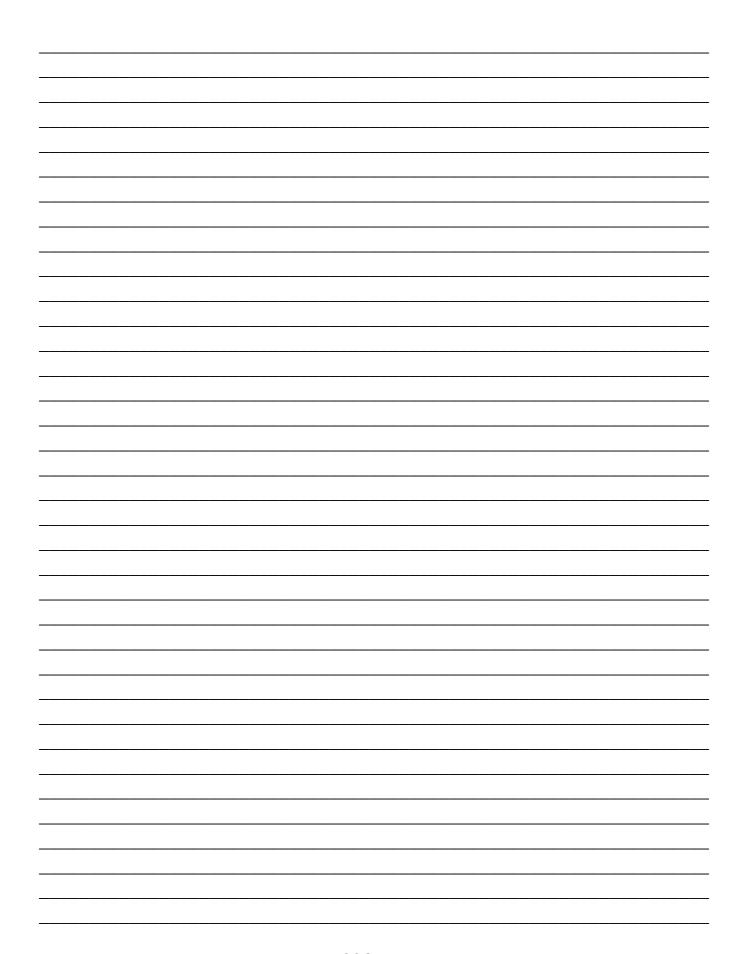
King God, I humbly bow before You in worship and adoration. Lord I pray, that as I surrender to You, I would stand strong against the devil. I submit myself to You, awesome Lord. You are the judge, not me. Teach me Your way that I would not sin against my brother or against You.

Amen.





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"7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. 11. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12. There is only one lawgiver and judge. He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? 13. Come now, you who say "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit - 14. yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15. Instead you out to say, If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that. 16. As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."



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- What spiritual exhortation is given? (4:7-9)
- What happens when you see the flesh for what it is? (4:7-9)
- How are you to come before God? (4:10)
- What is His promise? (4:10)
- What does gossip and judgment of others show about you? (4:11-12)
- What is your natural inclination about planning the future? (4:13-14)
- What does this kind of planning miss about what is important? (4:13-14)
- How should you plan your tomorrows? (4:15-17)
  What does it reveal when you don't? (4:15-17)

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- About submitting, resisting and drawing near to God? (4:7-10)
- About what actions of repentance must happen? (4:7-10)
- About making yourself a judge? (4:11-12)
- About boasting of plans and demands? (4:13-17)



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What is your heart's response to -

- Drawing near to God in humility, repentance, attitude and action? (4:7-10)
- Realizing what judging and gossiping says about you? (4:11-12)
- Who is the judge? (4:11-12)
- Understanding who you are in this life? (4:13-16)

How you are held accountable? (4:13-16)



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Amen.








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Letter of James

James 5:1-6

"1. Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2. Your riches have rotted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4. Behold the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts. 5. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you."



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• How do the righteous walk? (5:6)

- What exhortation and judgment do you see of putting hope in riches and material things? (5:1-2)
- What is the dire warning of laying up treasures in these days? (5:3-4)
- How is the description of living in self-indulgence and fattening your heart in the day of slaughter shown? (5:4-5)




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- In the call to repentance and confession? (5:1-3)
- To casting down worldliness? (5:1-3)
- From the warning cries of the harvesters? (5:4-5)
- In the judgment of worldly choices and what it ultimately leads to? (5:5-6)



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- The stern warning to the rich? (5:1-3)
- The value of what they value? (5:1-3)
- The description of worldly relationships? (5:4)



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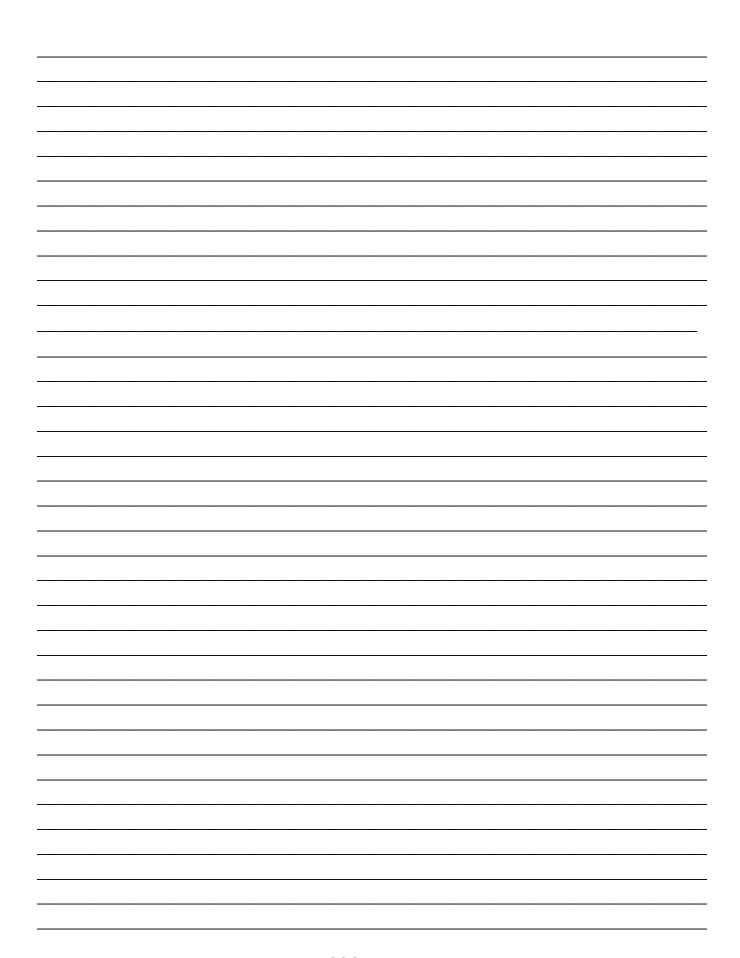
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Abba, I praise You. You have been so merciful and long-suffering with me. I pray for eyes to see, for ears to hear and for a heart that receives and believes. Help me to persevere in patience; that I would be faithful and obedient. This is my worship to You.

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- What exhortation do you see about judging? (5:9-10)
- What example do you see from the prophets? (5:9-10)
- How is steadfastness shown? (5:11-12)

• What value is put on your words? (5:11-12)

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- About patience? (5:7-8)
- About the coming of the Lord? (5:7-8)
- About grumbling? (5:9)
- About the Judge at the door? (5:9)
- About the prophet's example? (5:10-11)
- About steadfastness? (5:10-11)
- About letting your word be sure and settled? (5:12)



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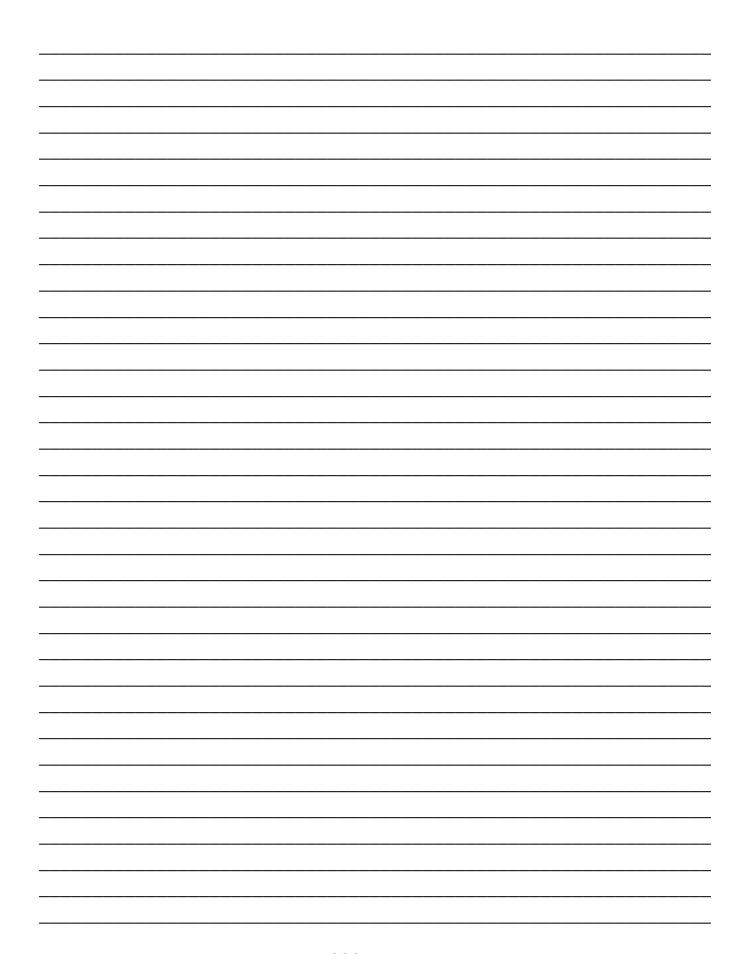
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Father God, You are faithful and true. You have made a way for me through Your only begotten Son, my Savior, Jesus. Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit on my eyes, ears and heart to see, hear and believe Your Word. Help me to walk worthy of Your call. Father, may I bring You glory by my faith; faithfully walking in obedience. This is my only reasonable service: to offer myself as a living sacrifice, to Your praise all the days of my life.

Amen.





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Letter of James

James 5:13-20

"13. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18. then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back. 20. let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."



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- What practical actions are you exhorted to do? (5:13-14)
- What is the spiritual fruit born of this obedience? (5:15)
- Why are we to confess to one another? (5:16-18)
- What example is Elijah to you in this? (5:16-18)

•	What (5:19-	authority 20)	and	responsibility	do	you	see	in	praying	for	one	another?



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- About the exhortation of how to actively walk out your faith? (5:13-14)
- About the importance of your responsibility to prayer? (5:15)
- About the necessity of being honest and transparent? (5:16)
- About the power and exhortation of testimony in the Word and through your life?
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It can be questions written out for you to see, or your sorrow, or joy. It can be the thoughts and feelings of your mind and heart that maybe you weren't even aware of until now. Write down how you will respond to the Holy Spirit, wanting to walk it out in obedience.

What is your heart's response to -

- The exhortation to make your faith practical? (5:13-14)
- The exhortation about your responsibility and authority in prayer and confession? (5:15-18)
   The invitation to step into ministry? (5:19-20)

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Memorizing scripture builds up your faith and reminds you of the truth of the Word. As we repeat this scripture it becomes a heart prayer about what you learned. Declare this over yourself and others.

James 5:19-20 "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

Prayer, Testimony and Steps of Obedience:

<u>Praying for one another is the best!!</u> It's our most important encouragement and service we can give to others. Ask your prayer partners for their requests concerning this lesson. Give them your prayer request. Pray for one another <u>now and through</u> the week!

<u>Testimony is rejoicing with one another</u> as you share how the Spirit has increased your faith in believing and obeying the Word!

Obedience to the revealed will of God is walking prophetically in the Word! How will you obey what you see and hear?



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