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A LIFE

THAT ALWAYS PRAYS

LUKE 18:1

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Luke 11:1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us t pray, just as John taught his disciples.” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’”

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James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
3 because you know that the testing of your
faith produces perseverance. 4 Let
perseverance finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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James 1:5-6

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

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James 1:7-10

7 That person should not expect to receive
anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is
double-minded and unstable in all they do.
9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to
take pride in their high position. 10 But the
rich should take pride in their humiliation—
since they will pass away like a wild flower.

James 1:11

11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:13-15

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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Temptation come from our own evil desires

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Faith being tested produces perseverance

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How does Jesus want us to respond?

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Luke 11:5-6

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’

Luke 11:7-8

7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother
me. The door is already locked, and my children
and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you
anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up
and give you the bread because of friendship, yet
because of your shameless audacity he will surely get
up and give you as much as you need.