

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

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A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)

1. Purpose of Trials (1:1–12)

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(James 1:1–12)

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

A1. Purpose of Trials

(James 1:1–12)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

A1. Purpose of Trials

(James 1:1–12)

9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

10 but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.

11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

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“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

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“count” – *“command (joy) with official authority”*

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“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

1. PERFECTION *(vv 2–4)*

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“End Product, and Enduring Process”

A1. Purpose of Trials

(James 1:1–12)

“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

2. PROVISION (vv 5–8)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”
(Proverbs 9:10)*

A1. Purpose of Trials

(James 1:1–12)

“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

3. PRIZE (v 12)

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“Self-Appeasement Or Approval of God?”

A1. Purpose of Trials

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“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

1. PERFECTION *(vv 2–4)*

2. PROVISION *(vv 5–8)*

3. PRIZE *(v 12)*

4. PERSPECTIVE *(vv 9–11)*

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“Status in Life Doesn’t Matter”

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(James 1:1–12)

“COUNT IT ALL JOY”

- 1. PERFECTION**
- 2. PROVISION**
- 3. PERSPECTIVE**
- 4. PRIZE**

See life through God's lens...

*Trade your limited, self-focused perspective
for His eternal, love-centered view.*