



Mirror Moments—Accepting the challenge to look into the truth of God’s Word for the purpose of being devotedly holy, fully faithful and vibrantly fruitful for God’s glory.

Take time this week to still your heart in the holy presence of God. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth about your heart, thoughts, words and actions as you reflect on James 1. Be sure to bask in the assurance

that as you confess the truth about yourself, God’s grace is more than sufficient to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). So seek God’s cleansing and healing for what ever God reveals.

Some “reflection” suggestions:

- A. Prayerfully invite the Holy Spirit to do a spiritual audit of your heart, thoughts, words and actions.
- B. Reread James 1 slowly. Jot down words or phrases that the Spirit is prompting you to pay attention to.
- C. What is God saying to you about . . .
 - Perseverance (vs. 2-4, 12)
 - Doubt (vs. 6-8)
 - Humility (vs. 9-11)
 - Temptation (vs. 13-5)
- D. In what areas do you need wisdom? (v. 5)
- E. What is God saying to you about how well the “word of truth” is taking root in your life (vs.18,21)
- F. How would God describe how you’re doing at being quick to listen and slow to speak and become angry? (v.19)
- G. What acts of service for those in need is God calling you to participate in this week?
- H. In what specific ways is God calling you to keep away from the world’s pollution?



A verse-by-verse study in James on becoming devotedly holy, fully faithful and vibrantly fruitful in Christ

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**Notes for Today’s Message:
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James is to the New Testament what Proverbs is to the Old Testament. This biblical book is brimming with practical wisdom on how to live a godly, holy life no matter if you’re facing a day dressed in jeans or a suit.

1. James 1:1

Background on James and its authorship

Echos from the Old Testament: 12 tribes (1:1), Abraham and Isaac (2:21), Rahab (2:25), Proverbs 3:34 (4:6), Law Giver and Judge (4:12), Lord Almighty (5:4), Job (5:11), Elijah (5:17)

“Servant”—doulos

James was completely “sold-out” to the Father and Son.

12 Tribes

Leviticus 25:39-43—Israel became God’s “servants” through redemption

Leviticus 19:2—“Be Holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.”

When something earthly is fully devoted to God it is, biblically speaking, “holy.” We too are called to be devotedly _____ for God is holy.

2. James 1:2-8--On embracing trials

When doubt swallows up _____, it's as though a spiritual circuit breaker is thrown. God's generosity cannot get through.

We are called to be fully _____ because God is faithful.

3. James 1:9-11--being humble

Isaiah 40:6,7

4. James 1:12--enduring trials

"Blessed"

5. James 1:13-15--dealing with temptation

Sin's gestation progression

6. James 1:16-18--God's good gifts

One of the few theological passages in James

"First fruits"

Spiritual life is birthed by God when the Word of truth is planted in the womb of our hearts.

We are called to be vibrantly _____ for God's glory.

7. James 1:19-21--Fruitfulness requires pruning

8. James 1:22-25--The importance of honest self-evaluation

9. James 1:26-27--True religion defined

Holiness holds in creative tension active caring for others in this world at the same time not being _____ by this world.