

## The Real Deal a study of the book of James \*chapter 1

**“Don’t just listen to God’s Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” James 1: 22**



Bible scholars have often compared the letter that James wrote to the Book of Proverbs. In some ways, there are many similarities because of the brief and practical sayings that he used in order to communicate his message. However, the personal connection to the recipients and the passion with which he wrote seem to make these 2 books quite different from each other. James knew that the temptation for these new believers to go back to their old ways of doing things was very real. He was also concerned that they might soon forget what Jesus had taught them about how to live as children of God and His Kingdom. Perhaps, while he does not spend time reminding them about the Holy Spirit in their lives and other doctrinal truths, he knows that the need for practical advice will help them to feel their dependence and need for His power in their lives.

**READ** – James chapter 1. Read the 27 verses.

1) Summarize each of the 8 paragraphs and give them a Title. 2) Is there an admonition or warning? What is the result?

Paragraph 1 – James 1: 2 – 4

Paragraph 2 – James 1: 5 – 8

Paragraph 3 – James 1: 9 – 11

Paragraph 4 – James 1: 12 – 15

Paragraph 5 – James 1: 16 – 18

Paragraph 6 – James 1: 19 – 21

Paragraph 7 – James 1: 22 – 25

Paragraph 8 – James 1: 26 – 27

### REFLECT

1. How does James motivate his audience? What reasons does he give to them which would make them listen and respond to his ideas and advice?
2. How is the character of God portrayed? What references can you find to the Word of God and to prayer?
3. Is there any connection or progression between one topic and the next one that you can see?

**RESPOND** – As you review this chapter one more time, ask God to direct you to the paragraph that He wants you to consider at this time in your life. **FIND AND CIRCLE IT.**

What is the admonition that you need today? Or is it a promise or an answer that He would like you to receive as His gift to you? You are His prized possession (vs. 18), so receive His Word with gratefulness!