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FAITH AT WORK

James1:1James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings. (NASB: Lockman)

GNT κωβος θεο κα κυρ ου ησο Χριστο δο λος τα ς δ δεκα φυλα ς τα ς ν τ διασπορ χα ρειν.

Amplified: JAMES, A servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered abroad [among the Gentiles in the dispersion]: Greetings (rejoice)! ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

ESV James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

N E T From James, a slave of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes dispersed abroad. Greetings!

KJV James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

NIV James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

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

NRS James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

NLT This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the "twelve tribes"-- Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings! (Revised)

NLT: This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is written to Jewish Christians scattered among the nations. Greetings! ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: James, servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, sends greetings to the twelve dispersed tribes. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: James, a bondslave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes, those in the dispersion. Be constantly rejoicing.

Young's Literal: James, of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ a servant, to the Twelve Tribes who are in the dispersion: Hail!

- **James** - Matthew 10:3; 13:55; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13; 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Galatians 1:19; 2:9,12; Jude 1:1)
- **Servant** - John 12:26; Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Titus 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1
- **To the twelve tribes** Exodus 24:4; 28:21; 39:14; 1 Kings 18:31; Ezra 6:17; Matthew 19:28; Acts 26:7; Revelation 7:4
- **Dispersed** - Leviticus 26:33; Deuteronomy 4:27; 28:64; 30:3; 32:26; Esther 3:8; Ezekiel 12:15; John 7:35; Acts 2:5; 8:1; 15:21; 1 Peter 1:1
- **Greetings** - Acts 15:23; 23:26; 2 Timothy 4:21
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James 1:2 **Consider** it **all joy**, my **brethren**, **when** you **encounter various trials**, ([NASB: Lockman](#))

GNT Π σαν χαρ ν γ σασθε, δελφο μου, των πειρασμο ς περιπ σητε ποικ λους,

Amplified: Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

Barclay: My brothers, reckon it all joy whenever you become involved in all kinds of testings,

ESV: Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds

KJV: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

ICB: My brothers, you will have many kinds of troubles. But when these things happen, you should be very happy

Montgomery: My brothers, when you are beset by various temptations, count it all joy,

NET: My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials

NLT: Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. [NLT - Tyndale House](#)

Phillips: When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Be constantly rejoicing. Consider it a matter for unadulterated joy whenever you fall into the midst of variegated trials which surround you,

Weymouth: Reckon it nothing but joy, my brethren, whenever you find yourselves hedged in by various trials.

Young's Literal: All joy count it, my brethren, when ye may fall into temptations manifold;

- **Consider** (count - KJV) - Jas 1:12; Mt 5:10, 11, 12; Lk 6:22,23; Ac 5:41; Ro 8:17,18,35, 36, 37; 2Co 12:9; 2Co 12:10; Php 1:29; 2:17; Col 1:24; He 10:34; 1Pe 4:13, 14, 15, 16
- **Various trials** - Heb 11:36-38 1Pe 1:6-8 2Pe 2:9 Rev 2:10
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James 1:3 **knowing** that the **testing** of your **faith produces endurance**. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

BGT γιν σκοντες τι τ δοκ μιον μ ν τ ς π στεως κατεργ ζεται πομον ν.

NET because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

NLT For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (Revised)

ESV for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

ASV Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience.

CSB knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

NIV because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

NKJ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Amplified: Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

Barclay: for you are well aware that the testing of your faith produces unswerving constancy. ([Daily Study Bible](#))

KJV: Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

NLT: For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. [NLT - Tyndale House](#)

Phillips: Realise that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. [Phillips: Touchstone](#)

WBC: in the knowledge that the testing of your faith produces patient endurance.

Wuest: knowing experientially that the approving of your faith, that faith having been put to the test for the purpose of being approved, and having met the test, has been approved, produces a patience which bears up and does not lose heart or courage under trials.

Young's Literal: knowing that the proof of your faith doth work endurance,

- **Knowing that** - Romans 5:3,4; 8:28; 2Co 4:17
- **Produces endurance** - Ro 2:7; 8:25; 15:4; Col 1:11; 2Th 1:4; 3:5; Heb 10:36; 12:1; 2Pe 1:6
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James 1:4 And **let endurance have its perfect result**, so that you may be **perfect** and **complete**, **lacking** in **nothing**. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.

GNT ὁ πομον ργον τλειον χτω, να τε τλειοι κα λ κληροι ν μηδεν λειπ μενοι.

NLT So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. (Revised)

ESV And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

ASV And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

CSB But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

NIV Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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

NRS and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

Barclay: And let constancy go on to work out its perfect work that you may be perfect and complete, deficient in nothing. ([Daily Study Bible](#))

KJV: But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

NLT: So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

WBC: Let endurance yield its complete work so that you may be complete and blameless with no deficiency at all.

Wuest: But be allowing the aforementioned patience to be having its complete work in order that you may be spiritually mature and complete in every detail, lacking in nothing.

Young's Literal: and let the endurance have a perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire--in nothing lacking;

- **Let endurance have** James 5:7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Job 17:9; Ps 37:7; 40:1; Hab 2:3; Mt 10:22; Lk 8:15; 21:19; Gal 6:9
- **Its perfect result** - Jas 3:2; Pr 4:8; Mt 5:48; Jn 17:23; 1Co 2:6; Php 3:12, 13, 14, 15; Col 4:12; 2Ti 3:17; Heb 13:21; 1Pe 5:10; 1Jn 4:17,18
- **Lacking in nothing** - Jas 1:5; Mt 19:20; Mk 10:21; Lk 18:22; 2Pe 1:9
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James 1:5 But **if any** of you **lacks wisdom**, **let him ask** of **God**, who **gives** to **all generously** and **without reproach**, and it will

Amplified: If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him.

GNT Ε ὅ τις μὴ ἐπιτεταμένος σοφίας, ἀπερωπάρτω διδόντος θεοῦ πᾶσι πλὴν καὶ μὴ νεῖδε ζώντος καὶ δοθεῖσθαι αὐτῷ.

NLT If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. (Revised)

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

ASV But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

CSB Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.

NIV If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

NKJ 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.

NRS If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

KJV: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

NLT: If you [DoubleQuote](#) need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God - who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish or guilty - and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

WBC: But if there is one among you who does lack wisdom, let such a person ask from God who gives to all without hesitation or recrimination, and he will give it."

Wuest: And if, as is the case, anyone of you is deficient in wisdom, let him keep on presenting his request in the presence of the giving God who gives to all with simplicity and without reserve, and who does not reproach, and it shall be given him.

Young's Literal: and if any of you do lack wisdom, let him ask from God, who is giving to all liberally, and not reproaching, and it shall be given to him;

- **If any of you lacks wisdom** - Ex 31:3,6; 36:1, 2, 3, 4; 1Ki 3:7, 8, 9,11,12; Job 28:12-28; Pr 3:5, 6, 7; 9:4, 56; Je 1:6,7; 2Co 2:16
- **Let him ask** - Jas 1:17; 3:17; 5:16; 1Chr 22:12; 2Chr 1:10; Pr 2:3, 4, 5, 6; Is 55:6,7; Je 29:12; Je 29:13; Da 2:18, 19, 20, 21, 22; Mt 7:7, 8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 11:9, 10, 11, 12, 13; Jn 4:10; 14:13; 15:7; Jn 16:23,24; 1Jn 3:22; 5:14,15
- **Without reproach** Mt 11:20 Mk 16:14 Lu 15:20-22
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Amplified: Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET But he must ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed around by the wind.

GNT α τε τω δ ν π στει μηδ ν διακριν μενος· γ ρ διακριν μενος οικεν κλ δωνι θαλ σσης νεμιζομ ν κα ιπιζομ ν .

NLT But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

ESV 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.

ASV But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.

CSB But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

NIV But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

NKJ 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.

NRS But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind;

KJV: But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

NLT: But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: But he must ask in sincere faith without secret doubts as to whether he really wants God's help or not. The man who trusts God, but with inward reservations, is like a wave of the sea, carried forward by the wind one moment and driven back the next. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: But let him be presenting his request in a trusting attitude, not in an expression of that hesitation which vacillates, for the person who vacillates is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind;

WBC: Let the asking, however, be accompanied with faith, and no doubting: for the doubter is like the billowing sea driven by the wind and tossed about.

Young's Literal: and let him ask in faith, nothing doubting, for he who is doubting hath been like a wave of the sea, driven by wind and tossed,

- **Ask in faith** - Mt 21:22; Mk 11:22, 23, 24; 1Ti 2:8; He 11:6
- **The one who doubts** - Ge 49:4; Ep 4:14; He 10:23; 13:9; 2Pe 2:17; Jude 1:12,13
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James 1:7 For that **man ought not to expect** that he will **receive anything** from the **Lord**, ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord, ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord,

GNT μ γ ρ ο σθω νθρωπος κε νος τι λ μψετα τι παρ το κυρ ου,

NLT Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. (Revised)

ESV For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

ASV For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord;

CSB That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

NIV That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

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

NRS for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

KJV: For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

NLT: People like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: That sort of man cannot hope to receive anything from God, ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: for let not that individual be supposing that he shall receive anything from the presence of the Lord,

Young's Literal: for let not that man suppose that he shall receive anything from the Lord--

- Jas 4:3; Pr 15:8; 21:27; Isa 1:15; Isa 58:3,4
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James 1:8 *being a **double-minded man**, **unstable** in **all** his **ways**.* (**NASB: Lockman**)

Amplified: [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET since he is a double-minded individual, unstable in all his ways.

GNT ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ ὧς ἡ ψυχὴ καὶ τὰ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἐπὶ τὰ ἄλλα.

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

ASV a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways.

CSB An indecisive man is unstable in all his ways.

NIV he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

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

NRS for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8

KJV: A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

NLT: They can't make up their minds. They waver back and forth in everything they do. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: and the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: a dubious, undecided man, vacillating in all his ways.

Young's Literal: a two-souled man is unstable in all his ways.

- Jas 4:8; 1Ki 18:21; 2Ki 17:33,41; Is 29:13; Ho 7:8, 9, 10, 11; 10:2; Mt 6:22,24; 2Pe 2:14; 3:16
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James 1:9 But the **brother** of **humble** circumstances is to **glory** in his **high position**; (**NASB: Lockman**)

Amplified: Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his elevation [as a Christian, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God], ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET Now the believer of humble means should take pride in his high position.

GNT Καυχ σθω ὁ ὀδελφ ς ταπειν ς ν τ ψει α το ,

NLT Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. (Revised)

KJV Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

ESV Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

ASV But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate:

CSB The brother of humble circumstances should boast in his exaltation,

NIV The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.

NKJ Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

NRS Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up,

NLT: Christians who are poor should be glad, for God has honored them. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: The brother who is poor may be glad because God has called him to the true riches. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Moreover, let the brother who is in lowly circumstances be glorying in his exalted position.

Young's Literal: And let the brother who is low rejoice in his exaltation,

- **But the brother of humble circumstances** - James 2:5,6; Deut 15:7,9,11; Ps 62:9; Pr 17:5; 19:1; Lk 1:52
- **Glory** - Jer 9:23,24; Ro 5:2,3; Phil 3:3
- **In high position** - James 2:5; 1Sa 2:8; Ps 113:7,8; Lk 9:48; 10:20; Ro 8:17; 2Co 6:10; Php 3:14; 1Pe 2:9; 1Jn 3:1, 2, 3; Re 2:9; 5:9,10; 7:9,10
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James 1:10 and the [rich man](#) is to *glory* in his [humiliation](#), [because like flowering grass](#) he will [pass away](#). ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: And the rich [person ought to glory] in being humbled [by being shown his human frailty], because like the flower of the grass he will pass away. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET But the rich person's pride should be in his humiliation, because he will pass away like a wildflower in the meadow.

GNT ὁ πλο σιος ν τ ταπειν σει α το , τι ς νθος χ ρτου παρελε σεται.

NLT And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. (Revised)

ESV and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

ASV and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

CSB but the one who is rich should boast in his humiliation because he will pass away like a flower of the field.

NIV But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower.

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

NRS and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field.

KJV: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

NLT: And those who are rich should be glad, for God has humbled them. They will fade away like a flower in the field. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: The rich may be glad that God has shown him his spiritual poverty. For the rich man, as such, will wither away as surely as summer flowers. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: But the one who is wealthy, let him be glorying in his humiliation, because as the flower of the grass he shall come to an end

Young's Literal: and the rich in his becoming low, because as a flower of grass he shall pass away;

- **The rich man is to glory in his humiliation** Is 57:15; 66:2; Mt 5:3; Php 3:8; 1Ti 6:17
- **Because** - Jas 4:14; Job 14:2; Ps 37:2,35,36; 90:5,6; 102:11; 103:15; Is 40:6; Mt 6:30; 1Co 7:31; 1Pe 1:24; 1Jn 2:17
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James 1:11 For the [sun rises](#) with a [scorching wind](#) and [withers](#) the [grass](#); and its [flower falls off](#) and the [beauty](#) of its [appearance](#) is [destroyed](#); [so too](#) the [rich man](#) in the midst of his [pursuits](#) will [fade away](#). ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: For the sun comes up with a scorching heat and parches the grass; its flower falls off and its beauty fades away. Even so will the rich man wither and die in the midst of his pursuits. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:11 For the sun rises with its heat and dries up the meadow; the petal of the flower falls off and its beauty is lost forever. So also the rich person in the midst of his pursuits will wither away.

GNT James 1:11 ὁ ἥλιος σὺν τῇ καύσωνι καὶ ξηράνεν τὸν ἄνθος αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ περὶ αὐτοῦ πρῶτος τοῦ προσώπου αὐτοῦ ὡς καὶ ὁ πλοῖσιος νύκτας πορεύσας αὐτοῦ μαρὰνθίσεται.

NLT James 1:11 The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, **the** rich will fade away with all of their achievements. (Revised)

KJV James 1:11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

ESV James 1:11 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.

ASV James 1:11 For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass: and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

CSB James 1:11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and dries up the grass; its flower falls off, and its beautiful appearance is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will wither away while pursuing his activities.

NIV James 1:11 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 man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

NKJ James 1:11 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.

NRS James 1:11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same way with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

KJV: For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

NLT: The hot sun rises and dries up the grass; the flower withers, and its beauty fades away. So also, wealthy people will fade away with all of their achievements. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: One day the sunrise brings a scorching wind; the grass withers at once and so do all the flowers - all that lovely sight is destroyed. Just as surely will the rich man and all his extravagant ways fall into the blight of decay. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: for the sun arises with its scorching heat and the grass withers and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed. So shall also the wealthy person fade away together with his undertakings.

Young's Literal: for the sun did rise with the burning heat, and did wither the grass, and the flower of it fell, and the grace of its appearance did perish, so also the rich in his way shall fade away!

- **For the sun rises** - Is 49:10; Jonah 4:7,8; Mt 13:6; Mk 4:6
- **So too the rich man** - Jas 5:1-7 Job 21:24-30 Ps 37:35,36 49:6-14 73:18-20 Ec 5:15 Isa 28:1,4 40:7,8 Lu 12:16-21 16:19-25 1Co 7:31 1Pe 1:4 5:4
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James 1:12 **Blessed** is a **man who perseveres** under **trial**; for once he has **been approved**, he will **receive** the **crown of life which** the Lord has **promised to those who love** Him (**NASB: Lockman**)

Amplified: Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor's] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:12 Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him.

GNT James 1:12 Μακ ριος ν ρ ς πομ νει πειρασμ ν, τι δ κιμος γεν μενος λ μψεται τ ν στ φανον τ ς ζω ς ν πηγγε λατο το ς γαπ σιν α τ ν.

NLT James 1:12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (Revised)

KJV James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

ESV James 1:12 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.

ASV James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him.

CSB James 1:12 A man who endures trials is blessed, because when he passes the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

NIV James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

NKJ James 1:12 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.

NRS James 1:12 Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

KJV: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

NLT: God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: The man who patiently endures the temptations and trials that come to him is the truly happy man. For once his testing is complete he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to all who love him. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

WBC: Blessed is the man who endures in time of testing because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown that offers the life [God] has promised to those who love Him.

Wuest: Spiritually prosperous is the man who remains steadfast under trial, because after he has met the test and has been approved, he shall receive the crown, namely, that crown which has to do with the life, which He promised to those who love Him.

Young's Literal: Happy the man who doth endure temptation, because, becoming approved, he shall receive the crown of the life, which the Lord did promise to those loving Him.

- **Blessed is a man** - Jas 1:2, 3, 4; 5:11; Job 5:17; Ps 94:12; 119:67,71,75; Pr 3:11,12; He 6:15; 10:32; 12:5; Re 3:19
- **For once he has been approved:** De 8:2 13:3 Pr 17:3 Zec 13:9 Mal 3:2,3 Heb 11:17 1Pe 1:6,7 1Pe 5:10
- **the crown:** Mt 25:34 Lu 22:28-30 Ro 2:7-10 1Co 9:25 2Ti 4:8 1Pe 1:7 4:13 1Pe 5:4 Rev 2:10 3:21
- **which the Lord has promised:** Jas 2:5 Isa 64:4 Mt 10:22 19:28,29
- **to those who love Him:** Jas 2:5 Ex 20:6 De 7:9 Ne 1:5 Ps 5:11 Ro 8:28 1Co 2:9 8:3 1Pe 1:8 1Jn 4:19
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James 1:13 **Let** no one **say** when he is **tempted**, "I am being **tempted** by **God**"; for **God cannot** be **tempted** by **evil**, and He **Himself** does not **tempt anyone**. (NASB: Lockman)

Amplified: Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted from God; for God is incapable of being tempted by [what is] evil and He Himself tempts no one. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

GNT James 1:13 μηδε ς πειραζ μενος λεγ τω τι π θεο πειρ ζομαι· γ ρ θε ς πε ραστ ς στιν κακ ν, πειρ ζει δ α τ ς ο δ να.

NLT James 1:13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. (Revised)

KJV James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

ESV James 1:13 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.

ASV James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man:

CSB James 1:13 No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God." For God is not tempted by evil, and He Himself doesn't tempt anyone.

NIV James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

NKJ James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

NRS James 1:13 No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one.

KJV: Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

NLT: And remember, no one who wants to do wrong should ever say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else either. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: A man must not say when he is tempted, "God is tempting me." For God has no dealings with evil, and does not himself tempt anyone. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Let no man be saying when he is being solicited to sin, By God I am being solicited to sin, for God is incapable of being solicited to sin, the source of the solicitations being evils,, and He himself solicits no one to sin. (Eerdmans)

Young's Literal: Let no one say, being tempted--'From God I am tempted,' for God is not tempted of evil, and Himself doth tempt no one,

- **Let no one say** James 1:2,12; Genesis 3:12; Isaiah 63:17; Habakkuk 2:12,13; Romans 9:19,20
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James 1:14 But [each one](#) is [tempted](#) when he is [carried away](#) and [enticed](#) by his [own lust](#). (NASB: Lockman) (NASB: Lockman)

Amplified: But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desires.

GNT James 1:14 καστος ὁ πειράζεται τῶν ἰδίων ἐλκόμενος καὶ ἀναχόμενος.

NLT James 1:14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. (Revised)

ESV James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

ASV James 1:14 but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.

CSB James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desires.

NIV James 1:14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

NKJ James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

NRS James 1:14 But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it;

KJV: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

NLT: Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: No, a man's temptation is due to the pull of his own inward desires, which can be enormously attractive. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: But each one is being solicited to sin when he is taken in tow and enticed by his own craving. . (Eerdmans)

Young's Literal: and each one is tempted, by his own desires being led away and enticed,

- **When he is carried away** James 4:1,2; Genesis 6:5; 8:21; Josh 7:21, 22, 23, 24; 2 Sa 11:1, 2,3, 4, 5; 1Ki 21:2, 3, 4; Job 31:1, 9; Job 31:27; Pr 4:23; Isa 44:20; Hos 13:9; Mt 5:28; 15:18,20; Mk 7:21; 7:22; Ro 7:11,13; Eph 4:22; Heb 3:13
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James 1:15 [Then](#) when [lust](#) has [conceived](#), [it gives birth](#) to [sin](#); and when [sin](#) is [accomplished](#), it [brings forth death](#). (NASB: Lockman)

Amplified: Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:15 Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death.

GNT James 1:15 εἰς τὰς ἐπιθυμίας συλλαβόμενα τὰ κτήματα μαρτυροῦνται ὅτι μαρτυροῦνται ποτελεσθῆσαι πονηρίας.

NLT James 1:15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. (Revised)

ESV James 1:15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

ASV James 1:15 Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth

forth death.

CSB James 1:15 Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

NIV James 1:15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

NKJ James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

NRS James 1:15 then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

KJV: Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

NLT: These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: His own desire takes hold of him, and that produces sin. And sin in the long run means death ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Then when the aforementioned craving has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and this sin when it is full grown brings forth death. (Eerdmans)

Young's Literal: afterward the desire having conceived, doth give birth to sin, and the sin having been perfected, doth bring forth death.

- **When lust has conceived** Ge 3:6; 4:5, 6, 7, 8; Job 15:35; Ps 7:14; Isa 59:4; Mic 2:1, 2, 3; Mt 26:14,48-59; Acts 5:1, 2, 3
- **When sin is accomplished** Genesis 2:17; 3:17, 18, 19; Ps 9:17; Romans 5:12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,20, 21; 6:21,22, 23; Revelation 20:14,15)
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James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. (NASB: Lockman)

Amplified: Do not be misled, my beloved brethren. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:16 Do not be led astray, my dear brothers and sisters.

GNT James 1:16 Μ πλαν σθε, δελφο μου γαπητο .

NLT James 1:16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. (Revised)

ESV James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

ASV James 1:16 Be not deceived, my beloved brethren.

CSB James 1:16 Don't be deceived, my dearly loved brothers.

NIV James 1:16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

NKJ James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

NRS James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved.

KJV: Do not err, my beloved brethren.

NLT: So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: make no mistake about that, brothers of mine! ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Stop being deceived, my brethren, beloved ones.

Young's Literal: Be not led astray, my brethren beloved;

- **Do not be deceived** - Matthew 22:29; Mark 12:24, 27; Galatians 6:7; Colossians 2:4,8; 2Timothy 2:18
- **My beloved brethren** - James 1:19; 2:5; Philippians 2:12; 4:1; Hebrews 13:1
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James 1:17 **Every good thing given** and **every perfect gift** is from **above, coming down** from the **Father** of **lights**, with **whom there is no variation or shifting shadow**. (**NASB: Lockman**)

Amplified: Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse]. (**Amplified Bible - Lockman**)

NET James 1:17 All generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or the slightest hint of change.

GNT James 1:17 π σα δ σις γαθ κα π ν δ ρημα τ λειον νωθ ν σιν καταβα νον π το πατρ ς τ ν φ των, παρ ο κ νι παραλλαγ τροπ ς ποσκ ασμα.

NLT James 1:17 Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. (Revised)

ESV James 1:17 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.

ASV James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.

CSB James 1:17 Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights; with Him there is no variation or shadow cast by turning.

NIV James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

NKJ James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

NRS James 1:17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

KJV: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

NET: All generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or the slightest hint of change.

NIV: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

NLT: Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows. (**NLT - Tyndale House**)

Phillips: But every good endowment that we possess and every complete gift that we have received must come from above, from the Father of all lights, with whom there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency. (**Phillips: Touchstone**)

Wuest: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, with whom there can be no variableness nor shadow which is cast by the motion of turning.

Young's Literal: every good giving, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, with whom is no variation, or shadow of turning;

- **Good** - James 1:5; 3:15,17; Genesis 41:16,38,39; Ex 4:11,12; 31:3, 4, 5, 6; 36:1,2; Nu 11:17,25; 1Chr 22:12; 29:19; 2Chr 1:11,12; Pr 2:6; Is 28:26; Da 2:21,22,27, 28, 29, 30; Mt 7:11; 11:25,26; 13:11,12; Lk 11:13; Jn 3:27; Acts 5:31; 11:18; Ro 6:23; 11:30; 12:6, 7, 8; 1Co 4:7; 12:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Ep 2:3, 4, 5,8; 4:8, 9, 10, 11; Philippians 1:29; Titus 3:3, 4, 5; 1John 4:10; 5:11,12
- **Father** - Genesis 1:2, 3, 4, 5,14,15; Deuteronomy 4:19; Psalms 19:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 84:11; Is 45:7; 60:19; John 1:9; John 8:12; 2Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:18; 1John 1:5; Revelation 21:23; 22:5

- **No variation** - Nu 23:19; 1Sa 15:29; Ps 122:6; Is 46:10; Mal 3:6; Ro 11:29; Heb 1:11,12; 13:8
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James 1:18 [In the exercise](#) of His [will](#) He [brought](#) us [forth](#) by the [word](#) of [truth](#), [so](#) that we would be a [kind](#) of [first fruits](#) among His [creatures](#). ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: And it was of His own [free] will that He gave us birth [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself]. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:18 By his sovereign plan he gave us birth through the message of truth, that we would be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

GNT James 1:18 βουλήθε ς πεκ ησεν μ ς λ γ ληθε ας ε ς τ ε ναι μ ς παρχ ν πινα τ ν α το κτισμ των.

NLT James 1:18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. (Revised)

ESV James 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

ASV James 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

CSB James 1:18 By His own choice, He gave us a new birth by the message of truth so that we would be the firstfruits of His creatures.

NIV James 1:18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

NKJ James 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

NRS James 1:18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

KJV: Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

NET: By his sovereign plan he gave us birth through the message of truth, that we would be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

NLT: In his goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: By his own wish he made us his own sons through the Word of truth that we might be, so to speak, the first specimens of his new creation ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: In accordance with His deliberate purpose He brought us into being by means of the word of truth, resulting in our being a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

Young's Literal: having counselled, He did beget us with a word of truth, for our being a certain first-fruit of His creatures.

- **His will** - Jn 1:13; 3:3, 4, 5; Ro 4:17; 8:29, 30, 31; 9:15, 16, 17, 18; Ep 2:4,5; Col 1:20,21; 2Thes 2:13,14; 1Peter 1:3,23
- **by the Word** - 1Co 4:15 Eph 1:12 1Pe 1:23 1Jn 3:9
- **Kind of first fruits** - Lev 23:10 Jer 2:3 Am 6:1 Heb 12:23 Rev 14:4
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James 1:19 This you **know** my beloved brethren. But everyone must **be** quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger
([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters! Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.

GNT James 1:19 στε, δελφο μου γαπητο · στω δ π ς νθρωπος ταχ ς ε ς τ κο σαι, βραδ ς ε ς τ λαλ σαι, βραδ ς ε ς ργ ν·

NLT James 1:19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (Revised)

ESV James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

ASV James 1:19 Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

CSB James 1:19 My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

NIV James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

NKJ James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

NRS James 1:19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

ASV: Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Barclay: All this, my dear brothers, you already know. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. ([Westminster Press](#))

Hiebert: My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry

KJV: Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Lenski: Know it, my brethren beloved! Moreover, let every person be swift for the hearing, slow for the speaking, slow for wrath

NLT: My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: In view of what he has made us then, dear brothers, let every man be quick to listen but slow to use his tongue, and slow to lose his temper. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: You know, my brethren, beloved ones,. Now, let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow with respect to anger,

Young's Literal: So then, my brethren beloved, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,

- **But everyone must be quick** - Ne 8:2,3,12, 13, 14,18; 9:3; Pr 8:32-35; Eccl 5:1; Mark 2:2; 12:37; Lk 15:1; 19:48; Acts 2:42; 10:33; 13:42, 43, 44,48; 17:11; 1Th 2:13
- **Slow to speak** - Jas 1:26; 3:1,2; Pr 10:19; 13:3; 15:2; 17:27; 18:13,21; 21:23; Eccl 5:2,3
- **Slow to anger** - Neh 9:17; Pr 14:17,29; 15:18; 16:32; 17:14; 19:11,19; 25:28; Eccl 7:8,9; Mt 5:22; Gal 5:20,21; Ep 4:26,31; Col 3:8,15
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Amplified: For man's anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires]. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:20 For human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

GNT James 1:20 ῥῆ γὰρ τὸ ὀργίζεσθαι τὴν δικαιοσύνην τοῦ θεοῦ οὐκ ἐργάζεται.

NLT James 1:20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. (Revised)

ESV James 1:20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

ASV James 1:20 for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

CSB James 1:20 for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

NIV James 1:20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

NKJ James 1:20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

NRS James 1:20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

ASV: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Barclay: for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness which God desires. ([Westminster Press](#))

Hiebert: for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

KJV: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Lenski: for a man's wrath does not work God's righteousness.

NLT: Your anger can never make things right in God's sight. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: For man's temper is never the means of achieving God's true goodness. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: for a man's wrath does not bring about that which is righteous in God's sight.

Young's Literal: So then, my brethren beloved, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,

- Jas 3:17,18; Nu 20:11,12; 2Ti 2:24,25
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James 1:21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility **receive** the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:21 So put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the message implanted within you, which is able to save your souls.

GNT James 1:21 διὰ ποθ' ἔμενοι πάντες ὑπάραν καὶ περισσεύαν κακῶς ν' πράττηι, ὁ ἔσθθ' ἐν ἡμῖν τὸν λόγον τὸν δυνάμενον σῶσαι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

NLT James 1:21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. (Revised)

ESV James 1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

ASV James 1:21 Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

CSB James 1:21 Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and evil, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save you.

NIV James 1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

NKJ James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

NRS James 1:21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

ASV: Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Barclay: So then strip yourself of all filthiness and of the excrescence of vice, and in gentleness receive the inborn word which is able to save your souls.

Hiebert: Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

KJV: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

NLT: So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your souls. [NLT - Tyndale House](#)

Phillips: Have done, then, with impurity and every other evil which touches the lives of others, and humbly accept the message that God has sown in your hearts, and which can save your souls. [\(Phillips: Touchstone\)](#)

Wuest: Wherefore, having put away every moral uncleanness and vulgarity and wickedness which is abounding, in meekness receive the implanted Word which is able to save your souls.

Young's Literal: wherefore having put aside all filthiness and superabundance of evil, in meekness be receiving the engrafted word, that is able to save your souls;

- **Putting aside** - Isa 2:20; 30:22; Ezek 18:31; Ro 13:12,13; Ep 4:22; Colossians 3:5, 6, 7, 8; Hebrews 12:1; 1Peter 2:1,11
- **Filthiness** - Jas 4:8; Ezekiel 36:25; 2Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 5:4
- **Receive** - Ps 25:9; Is 29:19; 61:1; Zeph 2:3; Mt 5:5; Acts 10:33; 1Th 1:5; 2:13
- **Implanted** - Jn 6:63,68; Ro 6:17; 11:17; He 4:2
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James 1:22 But [prove](#) yourselves [doers](#) of the [word](#), and not [merely hearers](#) who [delude themselves](#). ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:22 But be sure you live out the message and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves.

GNT James 1:22 Γνεσθε δ ποιητα λ του κα μ μ νον κροατα παραλογιζ μενοι αυτο ς.

NLT James 1:22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (Revised)

ESV James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

ASV James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.

CSB James 1:22 But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

NIV James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

NKJ James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

NRS James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

ASV: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.

Hiebert: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

KJV: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

NLT: And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: Don't I beg you, only hear the message, but put it into practice; otherwise you are merely deluding yourselves. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Moreover, keep on becoming doers of the Word and stop being hearers only, reasoning yourselves into a false premise and thus deceiving yourselves,

Young's Literal: and become ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves,

- **Prove** - James 4:17; Matthew 7:21, 22, 23, 24, 25; 12:50; 28:20; Luke 6:46, 47, 48; 11:28; 12:47,48; John 13:17; Romans 2:13; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:17; 1John 2:3; 3:7; 3John 1:11; Revelation 22:7
- **Delude** - Jas 1:26; Is 44:20; Obadiah 1:3; 1Co 3:18; 6:9; 15:33; Gal 6:3,7; 2Ti 3:13; Titus 3:3; 2Pe 2:13; 1Jn 1:8; Rev 12:9
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James 1:23 For **if anyone** is a **hearer** of the **word** and not a **doer**, he is like a **man** who **looks** at his **natural face** in a **mirror**; ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:23 For if someone merely listens to the message and does not live it out, he is like someone who gazes at his own face in a mirror.

GNT James 1:23 τι ε τις κροατς λγου στυ κα ο ποιητς, ο τος οικεν νδρ κατανοο ντι τ πρ σωπον τς γεν σεως ατο ν σ πτρ ·

NLT James 1:23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. (Revised)

ESV James 1:23 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.

ASV James 1:23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror:

CSB James 1:23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror.

NIV James 1:23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

NKJ James 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

NRS James 1:23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

ASV: For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror:

Hiebert: Anyone who listens to the word, but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

KJV: For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a

glass:

NLT: For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: The man who simply hears and does nothing about it is like a man catching the reflection of his own face in a mirror. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: because if, as is the case, anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, this one is like a man attentively considering in a mirror the face with which he was born.

Young's Literal: because, if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, this one hath been like to a man viewing his natural face in a mirror,

- **Hearer...not a doer** - Jas 2:14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; Je 44:16; Ezek 33:31,32; Mt 7:26,27; Lk 6:47, 48, 49, Lk 7:1-16
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James 1:24 for *once* he has [looked](#) at [himself](#) and [gone away](#), he has [immediately forgotten what kind](#) of [person](#) he was. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:24 For he gazes at himself and then goes out and immediately forgets what sort of person he was.

GNT James 1:24 κατεν ησεν γ ρ αυτ ν κα πελ λυθεν κα ε θ ως πελ θετο πο ος ν.

NLT James 1:24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. (Revised)

ESV James 1:24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

ASV James 1:24 for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

CSB James 1:24 For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

NIV James 1:24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

NKJ James 1:24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

NRS James 1:24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

ASV: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Hiebert: and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

KJV: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

NLT: You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: He sees himself, it is true, but he goes on with whatever he was doing without the slightest recollection of what sort of person he saw in the mirror. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: For he took one look at himself and was off, and he immediately forgot what sort of a person he was.

Young's Literal: for he did view himself, and hath gone away, and immediately he did forget of what kind he was;

- **what kind of person he was** Judges 8:18; Matthew 8:27; Luke 1:66; 7:39; 1Thessalonians 1:5; 2Peter 3:11
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James 1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. (NASB: Lockman)

Amplified: But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience). ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:25 But the one who peers into the perfect law of liberty and fixes his attention there, and does not become a forgetful listener but one who lives it out— he will be blessed in what he does.

GNT James 1:25 ὁ παρακψας ες ν μον τ λειον τ ν τς λευθερας κα παραμενας, ο κ κροατς πιλησμονς γενμενος λλ ποιητς ργου, ο τος μακ ριος ν τ ποι σει α το σται.

NLT James 1:25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. (Revised)

ESV James 1:25 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.

ASV James 1:25 But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing.

CSB James 1:25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one who does good works-- this person will be blessed in what he does.

NIV James 1:25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

NKJ James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

NRS James 1:25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-- they will be blessed in their doing.

ASV: But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing.

Hiebert: But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

KJV: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

NLT: But if you keep looking steadily into God's perfect law—the law that sets you free—and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: But the man who looks into the perfect mirror of God's law, the law of liberty (or freedom), and makes a habit of so doing, is not the man who sees and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: But he who with eagerness and concentration has pored over the perfect law, the law of liberty, and has continued in it, not having been a hearer who forgets but a doer who works, this person shall be prospered spiritually in his doing.

Young's Literal: and he who did look into the perfect law--that of liberty, and did continue there, this one--not a forgetful hearer becoming, but a doer of work--this one shall be happy in his doing.

- **One who looks** - Pr 14:15; Is 8:20; 2Co 13:5; He 12:15
- **perfect law:** Jas 2:12 Ps 19:7-10 Ps 119:32,45,96-105 Ro 7:12,22,23
- **The Law of Liberty** - Jn 8:32,36; Ro 8:15; 2Co 3:17,18; Gal 5:1; 1Pe 2:16
- **Abides by it** - 1 Samuel 12:14; John 8:31; 15:9,10; Acts 2:42; 13:43; 26:22; Ro 2:7,8; 11:22; Col 1:23; 1Ti 2:15; 4:16; 1Jn 2:24
- **A forgetful hearer** - James 1:23-24
- **This man** - Ps 19:11; 106:3; 119:2,3; Lk 6:47, 48, 49; 11:28; Jn 13:17; 1Co 15:58; Re 14:13; 22:14
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James 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

Amplified: If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren). ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

NET James 1:26 If someone thinks he is religious yet does not bridle his tongue, and so deceives his heart, his religion is futile.

GNT James 1:26 Ε τις δοκε θρησκ ς ε ναι μ χαλιναγωγ ν γλ σσαν α το λλ πατ ν καρδ αν α το , το του μ ταιος θρησκε α.

NLT James 1:26 If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. (Revised)

ESV James 1:26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

ASV James 1:26 If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain.

CSB James 1:26 If anyone thinks he is religious without controlling his tongue, then his religion is useless and he deceives himself.

NIV James 1:26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

NKJ James 1:26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

NRS James 1:26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

ASV: If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain.

Barclay: If anyone thinks that he is a worshipper of God and yet does not bridle his tongue, his worship is an empty thing. ([Westminster Press](#))

Hiebert: If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

KJV: If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

NLT: If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are just fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: If anyone appears to be "religious" but cannot control his tongue, he deceives himself and we may be sure that his religion is useless. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: If, as is the case, anyone imagines himself to be religious, not holding in check his tongue, but is deceiving his own heart, this person's religion is worthless.

Young's Literal: If any one doth think to be religious among you, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, of this one vain is the religion;

- **If anyone thinks himself to be religious** Pr 14:12; 16:25; Lk 8:18; 1Co 3:18; Ga 2:6,9; 6:3
- **Bridle** - James 1:19; 3:2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Ps 32:9; 34:13; 39:1,2; 141:3; Pr 10:19,31; 13:2,3; 15:2; Pr 16:10; 19:1; 21:26; Ep 4:29; 5:4; Col 4:6; 1Pe 3:10
- **Deceives** - James 1:22; Deuteronomy 11:16; Isaiah 44:20; Galatians 6:3
- **this man's religion is worthless** Jas 2:20; Is 1:13; Mal 3:14; Mt 15:9; Mk 7:7; 1Co 15:2,15; Gal 3:4

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James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. ([NASB: Lockman](#))

GNT ἠρώσκει ἀκαθάρ κα μαντος παρ τ θε κα πατρ ατη στ ν, πισκ πτεσθαι ρφανο ς κα χ ρας ν τ θλ ψει α τ ν, σπιλον αυ τ ν τηρε ν π το κ σμου.

Amplified: External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world. ([Amplified Bible - Lockman](#))

ASV Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Barclay: This is pure and undefiled worship, as God the Father sees it, to visit the orphans and the widows, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. ([Westminster Press](#))

CSB Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

ESV 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.

NET Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

NLT Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (Revised)

Hiebert: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

NIV Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

NKJ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

NRS Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

KJV: Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

NLT: Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us. ([NLT - Tyndale House](#))

Phillips: Religion that is pure and genuine in the sight of God the Father will show itself by such things as visiting orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world. ([Phillips: Touchstone](#))

Wuest: Religion which is pure and undefiled in the sight of God, even the Father, is this: to look after orphans and widows in their affliction with a view to ascertaining their needs and supplying them, and to be keeping one's self unspotted from the world.

Young's Literal: religion pure and undefiled with the God and Father is this, to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation--unspotted to keep himself from the world.

- **Pure and undefiled religion** Jas 3:17; Ps 119:1; Mt 5:8; Lk 1:6; 1Ti 1:5; 5:4
- **To visit orphans and widows** Job 29:12,13; 31:15-20; Ps 68:5; Is 1:16,17; 58:6,7; Mt 25:34-46; Gal 5:6; 6:9,10; 1Jn 3:17-19
- **To keep oneself unstained** James 4:4; John 17:14,15; Romans 12:2; Galatians 1:4; 6:14; Colossians 3:1, 2, 3; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 John 5:4,5,18

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