



LEVEL. FAITH

STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

PART 1

JAMES 1:1-18

Read through the first 18 verses of the chapter from start to finish. James jumps quickly from topic to topic. Write down any notes, comments or questions you have about each of the following sections:

THE PURPOSE OF TRIALS (JAMES 1:2-4)

ASKING FOR WISDOM (JAMES 1:5-8)

TEMPORARY NATURE OF RICHES (JAMES 1:9-11)

TEMPTATION AND ITS CAUSES (JAMES 1:13-15)

GOOD GIFTS FROM GOD (JAMES 1:16-18)

James says if we need wisdom, we should ask God (v. 5). Can you think of a time when you have needed wisdom? What do you think he means by not doubting?

What's the difference between a temptation and a trial (v. 13)? Have you ever blamed God for a mess of your own making?

List some of the good gifts God has given you (v. 14). Why does it make a difference that God never changes?

GETTING TO STREET LEVEL:

- 1. Write down what your current trials/stresses are, and what you expect to face this week. Ask God to give you strength in them and to help you find joy in growing through them.**
- 2. Where do you need wisdom in your life? Let God know your request.**
- 3. Thank God for the gifts he's given you.**