

# **JAMES-GUIDE FOR MATURE BELIEVERS**

## **I. INTRODUCTION TO JAMES**

## **II. BELIEVERS, BECOME MATURE. Time to grow up**

**James 1:1**

## **III. MATURE BELIEVERS FACE TRIALS & TEMPTATIONS**

### **A. FROM WITHOUT-TURNING TRIALS INTO TRIUMPHS**

James 1:2-12

1. Count-A Joyful Attitude James 1:2
2. Know-An Understanding Mind James 1:3
3. Let-A Surrendered Will James 1:4, 9-11
4. Ask-A Believing Heart James 1:5-8

### **B. FROM WITHIN-HANDLING TEMPTATION James 1:13-18**

1. God's Required Principles for Victory over: 1:13-16
  - a. Desire 1:14
  - b. Deception 1:14
  - c. Disobedience 1:15
  - d. Death 1:15
2. Consider God's Goodness James 1:17
  - a. God Gives Only Good Gifts
  - b. The Way God Gives is Good
  - c. He Gives Constantly
  - d. God Does Not Change
3. Consider God's Divine Nature Within James 1:18
  - a. It is Divine-God's character of righteousness
  - b. It is Gracious
  - c. It is Through God's Word
  - d. It is the Finest Birth Possible. It is salvation! John 3:16

## **IV. THE MATURE AVOID SELF-DECEPTION-PATIENT VIEW OF LIFE. (QUIT KIDDING YOURSELF) James 1:19-27**

### **A. Receive the Word James 1:19-21**

1. Swift to Hear 1:19
2. Slow to Speak 1:19
3. Slow to wrath 1:19
4. A Prepared Heart 1:21

### **B. Practice the Word 1:22-25**

1. Examination 1:23-25
2. Restoration
3. Transformation II Cor 3:18

### **C. Share the Word James 1:26-27**

1. Speech 1:27 and a life of
2. Separation 1:27b

## **V. MATURE BELIEVER PRACTICES PRACTICAL**

### **RELATIONSHIPS VIEW OF RICH MAN, POOR MAN James 2: 1-13**

- A. Jesus Christ as example of deity James 2:1-4
  - 1. Jesus did not treat persons with partiality
  - 2. Jesus was despised and rejected
- B. The Grace of God James 2:5-7
- C. The Word of God James 2:8-11
- D. The Judgment of God James 2:12-13
  - 1. Our words will be judged
  - 2. Our deeds will be judged
  - 3. Our attitudes will be judged 2:13

## **VI. MATURE BELIEVERS PRACTICE DYNAMIC FAITH NOT**

### **FALSE FAITH James 2:14-26**

- A. Dead Faith James 2:14-17
- B. Demonic Faith James 2:18-19
- C. Dynamic-Dynamite Faith James 2:20-26

## **VII. USE OF THE BELIEVER'S TONGUE—TONGUE IS SMALL—BUT**

### **MAY BE HUGE TROUBLEMAKER James 3:1-12**

- A. Power to Direct: The Bit and Rudder James 3:1-4
- B. Power to Destroy: the Fire and Animal James 3:5-8
- C. Power to Delight: The Fountain and Tree James 3:9-12

## **VIII. MATURE BELIEVER'S SOURCE OF WISDOM James 3:13-18**

- A. Origins of Wisdom-Contrasted James 3:15, 17a
- B. Operations of enemy exposed James 3:13-14, 17
  - 1. Envy 3:14
  - 2. Strife 3:14
  - 3. Boasting 3:14
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- C. Operations of Mature Believers James 3:17
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  - 2. Purity 3:17
  - 3. Peace 3:17
  - 4. Gentleness 3:17
  - 5. Compliance 3:17
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  - 7. Good Fruit 3:17
  - 8. Decisiveness 3:17
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- D. Outcomes from two sources—It's your choice James 3:16, 18
  - 1. Worldly wisdom produces trouble James 3:16
  - 2. God's wisdom produces blessing James 3:18

**IX. MATURE BELIEVERS WILL END WARS James 4:1-12**

- A. End War with Each Other James 4:1, 11-12
  - 1. Class Wars 2:1-9
  - 2. Employment Wars 5:1-6
  - 3. Church fights 1:19-20; 3:13-18
  - 4. Personal wars 4:11-12
- B. End War with Ourselves James 4:1b-3
- C. End War with God James 4:4-10
  - 1. The Mature Believer has challenges from:
    - a. The world 4:4
    - b. The flesh 4:1,5
    - c. The devil 4:6-7
  - 2. The Mature Believer's victories are gained by:
    - a. Submit to God 4:7
    - b. Draw near to God 4:8
    - c. Humble yourselves before God 4:9-10

**X. THE MATURE BELIEVER PLANS AHEAD James 4:13-17**

- A. Danger of Ignoring God's Will James 4:13-14, 16
  - 1. The Complexity of life 4:13
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  - 3. The Brevity of life 4:14b
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- B. Danger of Disobeying God's Will James 4:7
- C. Faithfully Obeying God's Will 4:15
  - 1. God wants us to understand His will Eph 5:17
  - 2. Prove God's Will Rom 12:2
  - 3. Do God's Will from the Heart Eph 6:6

**XI. THE MATURE BELIEVER GAINS AND USES MONEY WISELY AND FOR GODLY PURPOSES (MONEY GIVES POWER) James 5:1-6**

- A. The Wrong Way of Obtaining Wealth James 5:4, 6a
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- B. The Wrong Way to Use Wealth James 5:3-5
  - 1. Stored wealth 5:3
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## **XII. THE MATURE BELIEVER'S PATIENCE PRODUCES POWER**

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- A. The Farmer James 5:7-9
- B. The Prophets James 5:10
- C. Job James 5:11

## **XIII. THE MATURE BELIEVER IS PREPARED AND PRAYS, SO**

### **LET US PRAY James 5:13-20**

- A. Prayer for the Suffering James 5:13
- B. Prayer for the Sick James 5:14-16
  - 1. When a Person is sick (regardless of reason) 5:15b-16
  - 2. Personal sin is covered by oil, prayer of faith, and confessed 5:16
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- D. Prayer for the Straying James 5:19-20
  - 1. The origin of this problem 5:19
  - 2. The Outcome 5:20
  - 3. The Mature Believer continues growing from glory to glory into the image of Jesus Christ his LORD.

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