

Bible Study Handout: James 1:1-8 (NKJV)

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Word that gives us wisdom and strength. As we study James 1:1-8 today, open our hearts to understand and apply Your truths. Help us to grow in faith, endure trials with patience, and seek wisdom from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

James 1:1-8 (NKJV)

1. James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.
2. My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
3. knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
4. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
8. he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is James addressing in this letter (verse 1)?
2. What attitude does James encourage us to have when facing trials (verse 2)?
3. According to verse 3, what is produced when our faith is tested?
4. How does patience (perseverance) benefit us spiritually (verse 4)?
5. What should we do if we lack wisdom (verse 5)?
6. How does doubt affect our prayers (verses 6-7)?
7. What does it mean to be "double-minded," and why is it dangerous spiritually (verse 8)?

Fill in the Blank:

1. "My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various trials." (verse 2)
2. "Knowing that the _____ of your faith produces patience." (verse 3)
3. "But let patience have its _____ work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (verse 4)
4. "If any of you lacks _____, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (verse 5)
5. "But let him ask in _____, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." (verse 6)
6. "For let not that man suppose that he will receive _____ from the Lord." (verse 7)
7. "He is a _____ man, unstable in all his ways." (verse 8)

Application:

- How can you apply the principles in this passage to a current challenge in your life?
- What steps can you take to seek God's wisdom in difficult situations?
- How can you develop a more consistent and unwavering faith?

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the wisdom found in Your Word. Help us to face trials with joy, knowing that You are growing our faith and making us stronger. Give us unwavering faith as we seek Your wisdom and trust in Your guidance. May we walk in steadfastness, bringing glory to You in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.