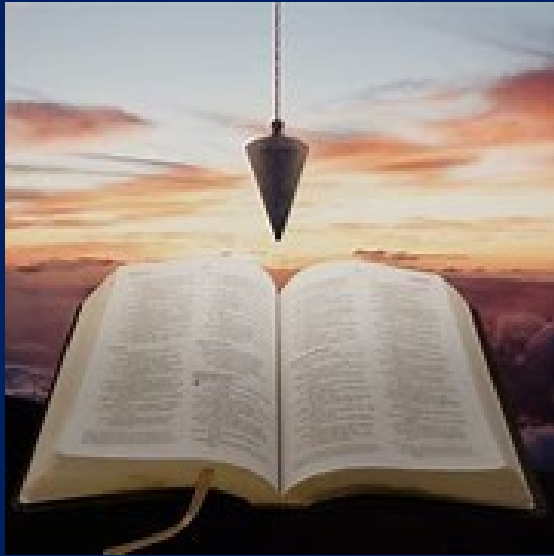


Straight and Balanced

(Luke 3:4-6)

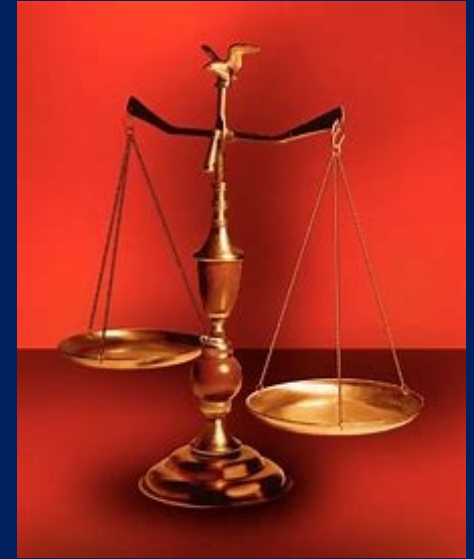
Twelve series



OT: Ps 5:8, Pr 4:25-27
Amos 7:7-8, Is 28:13, 17

NT: Mt 3:3, Acts 9:11
Hebrews 12:13

- #1 – 12 Evidence of Brotherly Love with Philemon
- #2 – 12 Reproofs & Corrections for Good Works with James
- #3 – 12 Truths to be Hid with Christ in God with Colossians



OT: Deut 25:13-16
Daniel 5:25-28

NT: Hebrews 12:1
1 Cor 3:11-15

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12 Reproofs & Corrections for Good Works with James

Time: 45 AD (1st epistle written; by the half-brother of our Lord Jesus Christ)

Place: to the 12 tribes of Israel scattered abroad (true brethren in Jesus Christ)

Characters: James “camel knees” – leader of the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 15, Gal 1)
Abraham, Isaac, Rahab, Job, Elijah, OT prophets

Purpose: reproof and correction (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Proverbs of the NT. 20-minute read

Keywords: Brethren (15x, 14 spiritual), faith (15x), works (15x), judge (7x), evil (6x),
good (5x), tongue (5x), fire (5x, destructive), wisdom (4).
Father-36x, Son-7x, Holy Spirit-0x

Straight: “let your light shine before men – see your good works” (Matthew 5:16)

Balanced: “prepared unto every good work” (2 Timothy 2:19-21) “honor & dishonor”

12 Reproofs & Correction for Good Works with James

Reproof (what is wrong)

Correction (make wrong right)

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| 1. Joy in trials works patience | (1:1-4) | Ask for wisdom - prayer (1:5-8) |
| * Treat the poor and rich the same. Warning to the rich. (1:9-11, 2:1-13, 5:1-6) | | |
| 2. Temptation> lust> sin> <u>death</u> | (1:13-16) | The crown of life (1:12) |
| * Our Birth from above is a gift and secure (1:17-19), 34 gifts in Romans 12:6-21 | | |
| 3. Do not only hear the Word | (1:20-26) | Receive and do the Word |
| * Pure religion toward others and self (keep unspotted from the world) | | |
| 4. Respect for the rich is evil | (2:1-13) | Love your neighbor as yourself (8) |
| 5. Faith without works is dead | (2:14-26) | Do works to make faith perfect |
| 6. Tongue can be the fire of hell | (3:1-12) | Seek wisdom from above |

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| 7. Wisdom from below (14-16) | (3:13-18) | Wisdom from above (13, 17-18) |
| 8. Friend of the world / wrong prayers | (4:1-5 / 6-10) | Submit to God - resist the devil |
| 9. Speak evil of brethren | (4:11-12) | Stop it! |
| 10. Do not brag about the future | (4:13-17) | Say, "If the Lord will" |
| 11. Grudge not (9) not take oaths (12) | (5:7-12 / 13-18) | Effectual prayer of righteous |
| 12. Brethren err from the truth / <u>death</u> | (5:19-20) | Let him know, convert a sinner |

Application: Identify the reproof(s) that speak to your life.

Decision: Make a corrective action plan.

12 Exhortations to be Hid with Christ with Colossians

Homework for Sunday School on October 29, 2023

1. How many chapters are in Colossians? (It takes around 15 minutes to read Colossians)
2. What are the 3 parts of the prayer in Colossians 1:9-18? (1:9-11, 12-14, 15-18)
3. Paul exposes false religious systems in Colossians chapter 2. What are some warnings?
4. What evil behaviors must we put off so we can put on good behaviors? (Colossians 3:5-17)
5. What are the 5 rights in Colossians 3:18-4:17?