

## **Strong Tower Bible Study**

### **Agenda**

#### **Lesson #14**

**Time 6:00pm -7:30pm**

**Topic: Navigating the trials of life**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Scripture text:** James 1:12-20

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

16 Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 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. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

## Listening and Doing

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

### **Things to know:**

- Those in Christ can trust in God's divine nature and wisdom
- Followers of Christ should view difficulties from a spiritual perspective
- We are to set our mind on God's promises
- We can reflect on the past when God was faithful to us, both in scripture and personal experience

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why are those who face temptation called blessed? Vs 12
2. Why would someone believe God is tempting them? Where does temptation come from? Vs 13-14
3. Can believers and followers of Christ resist temptation? What happens when we don't? Vs 15
4. What are five good and perfect gifts from God the father? Vs 17
5. Why is studying the Word of God important? Vs 18

6. What are three actions that will aid us during a test or trial? Vs19

7. What are we encouraged to refrain from? Why? Vs 20

**Faith in Action:**

-Encourage someone with the same measure of encouragement you have received

-Set your alarm to pray at noon

-Turn your cell phone off for 15 minutes. Sit in silence with yourself. Listen to God speak.

-Resist complaining about what didn't go your way (Praise God anyway)

**Challenge of the Week:** Reflect on the last three times you experienced God's faithfulness during challenging times. Thank Him for His everlasting Love.

## **Scripture Application**

**1 Peter 4:12-14** -Why are we told not to be surprised?

**James 1:12**- Have you received a blessing after testing? (something to think about)

**John 15:18**-How are followers of Christ to remain steadfast? Are you alone?

## **Closing Prayer**