

NTC: The Epistle of James – Lesson 34

HANG IN THERE AND DON'T GIVE UP!

Reading assignment: **New Testament:** James 1-2, Romans 4,
Old Testament: Genesis 15:6; 22:1-14, Joshua 2, 1 Kings 3

Define these terms:

scattered twelve tribes (1:1)

testing of your faith (1:3)

double-minded (1:8)

crown of life (1:12) Rev 2:10, Romans 8:18

body without the spirit is dead (2:26)

1. Explain what it means to persevere under trial? How do we know when perseverance and patience has finished its work? (1:3-4)

2. Wisdom & common sense are closely linked. How are they different? (1:5)

3. In 1 Kings 3, we have an example of one who asked for wisdom. Who was he? _____

4. What chapter of Proverbs personifies wisdom—portrayed as a woman who guides us and helps us succeed? _____

5. When faced with a decision and not sure what to do, we are instructed to ask of Him. How does He answer? Can you come up with at least three ways?

6. How are trials different than temptations? What role does God play when we face them? (1:12-15) _____

7. (1:25) (2:12) “the perfect law that gives freedom?” Explain

8. If faith is demonstrated by actions, what was Abraham's work of faith? (James 2:20-24, Genesis 15:6; 22:1-14)

9. (Sharing if time allows) If faith is real, it will show itself. Begin now to make note of personal experiences—past and present—whether hour's, day's, week's, year's long. (2:14-26)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: (From Book of James, Life Application Bible)

Breakdown of chapters: **1. Confident Stand – WHAT A CHRISTIAN “HAS” – perseverance**

2. Compassionate Service – WHAT A CHRISTIAN “DOES” – unity

3. Careful Speech – WHAT A CHRISTIAN “SAYS” – restraining the tongue

4. Contrite Submission – WHAT A CHRISTIAN “FEELS” – submission

5. Concerned Sharing – WHAT A CHRISTIAN “GIVES” - sharing