**James: The Gospel of Common Sense**

The book of James was written by James, most likely the half-brother of Jesus. It was written primarily to Jews who had become Christians and was meant to encourage them to live faithful Christian lives. It is often called the "common sense" Gospel because of the practical advice given in it. James was one of the first New Testament books to be written.

This series of lessons is designed to help you learn about practical Christian living directly from the Scriptures. The questions will encourage you to read each passage carefully from your own Bible. The questions are not meant to be tricky or confusing, but are designed to encourage careful attention. We hope you will take time to read the Bible for yourself. Read each passage, answer the questions, and return this course to us to be graded.

**CHAPTER ONE**

**READ JAMES 1:1-11.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. The testing of one’s faith produces endurance.

\_\_\_ 2. God will give us wisdom if we ask Him for it.

\_\_\_ 3. God gives wisdom even when we doubt Him.

\_\_\_ 4. We should be like the surf of the sea.

\_\_\_ 5. Just like the grass and flowers, those who are rich will also fade away.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. We should consider it all \_\_\_\_\_ when we encounter trials.

**a - sorrow b - joy c - trouble**

\_\_\_ 7. We should ask God for things without \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - belief b - doubting c - thinking**

\_\_\_ 8. A double minded man is \_\_\_\_\_ in all his ways.

**a - faithful b - happy c - unstable**

\_\_\_ 9. The brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - humility b - high position c - poverty**

\_\_\_ 10. The rich man will fade away in the middle of \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - all his pursuits b - his old age c - the scorching wind**

**READ JAMES 1:12-18.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. The one who perseveres (or endures) under trials will be blessed with a crown of life.

\_\_\_ 2. God tempts people to test them.

\_\_\_ 3. Sin causes spiritual death.

\_\_\_ 4. All good gifts come from God.

\_\_\_ 5. Christians are a kind of first fruits of God’s creatures.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. The crown of life is promised to those who \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - run fast b - love God c - wish for it**

\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be tempted by evil.

**a - man b - Satan c - God**

\_\_\_ 8. We are tempted when we are enticed by \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - God b - our friends c - our own lusts**

\_\_\_ 9. Lust gives birth to \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - righteousness b - sin c - a good time**

\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_ brought us forth by the word of truth.

**a - Satan b - God c - Our parents**

**READ JAMES 1:19-27.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. Everyone should be quick to speak.

\_\_\_ 2. People who hear the word of God and do not obey it delude or fool themselves.

\_\_\_ 3. A person's religion is worthless if he does not control his tongue.

\_\_\_ 4. Taking care of widows and orphans is not important to God.

\_\_\_ 5. We should receive the word of God with humility.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. Everyone should be \_\_\_\_\_ to become angry.

**a - quick b - slow c - upset**

\_\_\_ 7. The word of God is able to \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - make one angry b - cause one to sin c - save one’s soul**

\_\_\_ 8. When someone hears \_\_\_\_\_ and does not do it, it is like looking in a mirror and forgetting what kind of person he was.

**a - God speak b - the word of God c - music**

\_\_\_ 9. One who obeys the word of God will be \_\_\_\_\_ in what he does.

**a - blessed b - forgotten c - cursed**

\_\_\_ 10. People should keep themselves unstained by \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - the world b - ink c - religion**

**CHAPTER TWO**

**READ JAMES 2:1-13.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. We should pay special attention to those who wear gold rings and fine clothes to worship.

\_\_\_ 2. God chose the poor to be rich in faith.

\_\_\_ 3. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" is the royal law.

\_\_\_ 4. We only have to obey the laws we like.

\_\_\_ 5. People will be judged by the law of liberty.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. If a person shows partiality to those who are well dressed, he becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ with evil motives.

**a - priest b - saint c - judge**

\_\_\_ 7. If a person shows partiality, he is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - pleasing God b - committing sin c - not doing anything wrong**

\_\_\_ 8. Speak and \_\_\_\_\_ as those who are to be judged by the law.

**a - pray b - act c - weep**

\_\_\_ 9. The one who keeps all the law but stumbles in one point is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - a good person b - an angel c - guilty of breaking all the law**

\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_ triumphs over judgment.

**a - Love b - Partiality c - Mercy**

**READ JAMES 2:14-26.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. Faith that does not have works is dead.

\_\_\_ 2. The demons believe.

\_\_\_ 3. The demons will be saved because they believe.

\_\_\_ 4. A person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

\_\_\_ 5. Rahab the harlot was justified by her works.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. Faith without works is dead because \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - it is by itself b - it is not important c - works are all that really matter to God**

\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ was justified by works.

**a - Abraham b - Jesus c - Satan**

\_\_\_ 8. As a result of works \_\_\_\_\_ was perfected.

**a - hope b - faith c - demon**

\_\_\_ 9. Abraham was called \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - the friend of God b - a perfect man c - a sinner**

\_\_\_ 10. Just as the body without the \_\_\_\_\_ is dead, so faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is dead.

**a - head, hope b - heart, love c - spirit, works**

**CHAPTER THREE**

**READ JAMES 3:1-12.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. Teachers will receive a stricter judgment.

\_\_\_ 2. Some people never stumble (or make mistakes).

\_\_\_ 3. All creatures have been tamed, but not the tongue.

\_\_\_ 4. The tongue can bless God and curse men.

\_\_\_ 5. It is good that the mouth can bless and curse.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. The person who can control his \_\_\_\_\_ is a perfect man.

**a - appetite b - children c - tongue**

\_\_\_ 7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a fire.

**a - tongue b - heart c - head**

\_\_\_ 8. The tongue is full of \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - praise b - wisdom c - deadly poison**

\_\_\_ 9. A horse's whole body is directed by a \_\_\_\_\_ in its mouth.

**a - bit b - rudder c - tongue**

\_\_\_ 10. The tongue is small, yet it boasts of \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - nothing b - great things c - everything**

**READ JAMES 3:13-18.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. A wise person shows his wisdom by his good behavior.

\_\_\_ 2. There is disorder and evil where jealousy and selfish ambition exist.

\_\_\_ 3. Wisdom from above is demonic.

\_\_\_ 4. Wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits.

\_\_\_ 5. Earthly wisdom is arrogant and lies against the truth.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. Earthly wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - demonic b - good c - from above**

\_\_\_ 7. Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - hope b - righteousness c - every evil thing**

\_\_\_ 8. Wisdom from above is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - pure b - gentle c - selfish**

\_\_\_ 9. The seed whose fruit is \_\_\_\_\_ is sown in peace.

**a - evil b - jealous c - righteousness**

\_\_\_ 10. This seed is sown by those who \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - are ambitious b - make peace c - are evil**

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**READ JAMES 4:1-10.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. The source of quarrels and conflict is people's desire for pleasure.

\_\_\_ 2. People fight because of envy.

\_\_\_ 3. Friendship with God and the world are the same.

\_\_\_ 4. The sinner should cleanse his hands and purify his heart.

\_\_\_ 5. God will exalt (or honor) the humble.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. A person who lusts for something and does not get what he wants may \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - become rich b - commit murder c - get sick**

\_\_\_ 7. People ask God and do not receive because they \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - are afraid b - do not have faith c - ask with selfish motives**

\_\_\_ 8. God is opposed to the \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - humble b - proud c - rich**

\_\_\_ 9. Resist \_\_\_\_\_ and he will flee from you.

**a - God b - a friend c - the devil**

\_\_\_ 10. Draw near to God, and He will \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - flee b - draw near to you c - send you a vision**

**READ JAMES 4:11-17.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. We should speak bad about others if we think they are wrong.

\_\_\_ 2. There is only one lawgiver and judge.

\_\_\_ 3. We always know what we are going to do in the future.

\_\_\_ 4. Boasting is a good thing.

\_\_\_ 5. If we know to do the right thing and do not do it, we commit sin.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. If one judges the law, he is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.

**a - doer b - teacher c - judge**

\_\_\_ 7. You are a \_\_\_\_\_ that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

**a - flower b - vapor c - judge**

\_\_\_ 8. We should say \_\_\_ I will do this or that.

**a - if I wish b - if the Lord wills c - if the weather permits**

\_\_\_ 9. People sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ in their arrogance.

**a - boast b - forget c - remember**

\_\_\_ 10. To the one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - forgetfulness b - selfish c - sin**

**CHAPTER FIVE**

**READ JAMES 5:1-11.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. Riches and wealth will be worthless in the judgment.

\_\_\_ 2. Christians should be patient until the Lord returns.

\_\_\_ 3. We should complain when someone mistreats us.

\_\_\_ 4. The prophets are an example of suffering and patience.

\_\_\_ 5. God deals with people with compassion and mercy.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. James says the \_\_\_\_\_ should weep and howl for the miseries that were coming.

**a - poor b - rich c - laborer**

\_\_\_ 7. The rich had condemned and put to death the \_\_\_\_\_ man.

**a - wealthy b - patient c - righteous**

\_\_\_ 8. James warned that the \_\_\_\_\_ was standing at the door.

**a - wolf b - Judge c - prophet**

\_\_\_ 9. The prophets were an example of \_\_\_\_\_ and suffering.

**a - judgment b - weakness c - patience**

\_\_\_ 10. "You have heard of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Job."

**a - weakness b - compassion c - endurance (patience)**

**READ JAMES 5:12-20.**

**True or False (write T or F in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 1. Christians should not swear.

\_\_\_ 2. One who is suffering should sing praises.

\_\_\_ 3. The prayers of a righteous person can accomplish much.

\_\_\_ 4. Elijah was a man just like us today.

\_\_\_ 5. When one turns back from the error of his way, he will save his soul from death.

**Multiple Choice (write the letter in the blank):**

\_\_\_ 6. Christians who are sick should call for the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for them.

**a - priest b - elders c - rich**

\_\_\_ 7. If anyone is cheerful, he should \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - pray b - confess his sins c - sing**

\_\_\_ 8. Christians should \_\_\_\_\_ their sins to one another.

**a - deny b - confess c - never mention**

\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ prayed it would not rain, and it did not rain for 3 years and 6 months.

**a - Job b - The elders c - Elijah**

\_\_\_ 10. The one who turns back to God \_\_\_\_\_.

**a - cannot pray b - will be lost c - will cover a multitude of sins**

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