

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!

Lesson 1 - Notes

Who was James?

Matthew 13:54-56

John 7:5

Acts 15:1-21

I Corinthians 15:3-8

Acts 1:12-14

Acts 2:1-4

When was the Book of James written and into what kind of culture was it written?

James 1:1 - James was written to:

James 1:2 - Count it all joy!

John 16:33

Matthew 5:11-12

James 1:3 -

I Peter 1:6-7

James 1:4 - ENDURANCE!! and MATURITY!!

James 1:5 - What to do if you lack wisdom

Wisdom is God's opinion on a matter

James 1:6 - 8 - How to ask for wisdom:

Where does stability start?

DAILY ENDURANCE CHALLENGE:

DAY 1: Read James 1:1-8; John 16:33; Matthew 5:11 & 12. How does Scripture encourage people to respond to trials? Why? How has God brought good into your life through trials?

DAY 2: Read Matthew 13:53-58; John 7:1-9. What do these verses tell you about the relationship that James had with Jesus while He was on earth? How is your relationship with your siblings? Are there areas that need extra work? Pray for your siblings today.

DAY 3: Read I Corinthians 15: 1-8; Acts 1:12-14; Acts 2: 1-4. What were the two specific situations that changed the opinion of James toward Jesus? Are these things still necessary to change the opinion of people toward Jesus today? Why or why not?

DAY 4: Read Acts 15:1-21. James is now a leader in the New Testament Church. What are you doing to serve the Lord today? What are some of the ways in which you would like the Lord to use you? Pray that in 2013 God will open doors of ministry for you just like He did for His own brother, James.

DAY 5: Read I Peter 1:1-9. How is the advice of Peter similar to the advice of James in James 1:1-8? Why is it so difficult to rejoice when we are going through a tough time? How does rejoicing actually stabilize your emotions?

DAY 6: Read James 1:1-8 again. Underline 2 or 3 of the verses that speak to you. Circle 3-5 of the words that you feel are most important in this passage. Now, write down 3 principles that you have learned from studying this passage.

DAY 7: Read James 1:9-27 in preparation for next week. What verse speaks clearly to you? What would you say is the theme of these verses?