

PRESSURE POINTS

A Study of the Book of James

Part 2

Outward Adversities & Inward Enticements

James 1:5 (NKJV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach (without criticizing you), and it will be given to him.

LESSON #1 Learn to ask God _____.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

LESSON #2 Learn to ask God _____.

James 1:6 BUT let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose/ think that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Mark 6:5a "And because of their unbelief, Jesus couldn't do any miracles among them..."

James 1:8 (NLT) Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

1 Corinthians 1:30a (NKJV) But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God

LESSON #3 Learn to ask God _____.

James 1:9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, 10 but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. 11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

v9 (NLT) Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them.

(KJV) Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

(AMP) Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position (as a born-again believer; called to the true riches and to be an heir of God);

v10-11 (AMP) and the rich man is to glory in being humbled... (knowing true riches are found in the grace of God), for like the flower of the grass he will pass away.

LESSON #4 Learn to gain victory _____.

12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

1. The _____ of sin.

James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

(GN) If we are tempted by such trials, we must not say, "This temptation comes from God." For God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

2. The _____ of sin.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

3. The _____ of sin.

James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."

4. The _____ to sin.

Galatians 5:14 Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of your flesh

James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 It was of His own will that He gave us birth (as His children) by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits of His creatures (a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself—sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes).