



### James 1:1

1. James calls himself a servant of God and of Jesus Christ.
2. James is the half-brother of Jesus they have the same mom Mary.
3. James did not believe in Jesus until after the resurrection. Now he does not consider worthy to be called a brother of Jesus. He does consider it a privilege to be called a servant of Jesus.

### James 1:2-3

## Different Trials

1. **Trial:** a test of faith, patience, or stamina through subjection to suffering or temptation broadly: a source of frustration or annoyance. (Outside source)
2. **Discipline:** self-imposed suffering, frustration and stamina development of an area within your life.
3. **Trials of many kind:** this should produce joy (Not happiness) because you are growing stamina in many areas of life. (Examples: Fear, anger, lust, etc.)
4. **Passing the Test:** This is not perfect performance but knowing where to find the answers and then applying them.
5. **The Result:** Your faith is strengthening, and you've developed perseverance.
6. **Stamina:** the ability to sustain prolonged spiritual, physical, and mental effort.
7. **Wisdom:** Don't judge each other's effort we all don't have the same level of stamina.

### James 1:4-8

## Lacking Wisdom

1. **Knowledge is not wisdom.** Knowledge is human centered, while wisdom is God centered.

2. **Immature wisdom:** Shouldn't be judged it only reveals wisdom is in process.
3. **The source of wisdom:** Is God and His Word.
4. **Who gives generously:** without finding fault. It will be given to you.
5. **Contingence to gain wisdom:** is believing and not doubting.

**James 1:6-8** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is **double-minded and unstable** in all they do.

## Double Minded

1. **Doubting God** makes you unstable.
2. **Raging faith** is not anchored in the Word of God.
3. **Doubt your stamina** but not God.
4. **Single-minded** faith is the goal.

**Psalm 119:10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (King David who had his own bouts of spiritual, physical weakness)

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

(Many Christians can quote this verse, to develop single-mindedness they need to apply the next verses)

**Jeremiah 29:12-14a** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD, " (Remember you can doubt your stamina but not God's faithfulness)

**Philippians 3:12-13** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

(Paul had thorns in the flesh but God was made strong in his weakness)