

James– AK 09

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – What does James mean when he says *faith without works is dead*?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

This is the most controversial portion of the letter. What James is describing is NOT how someone is justified by God, he is not teaching *salvation by works*. But he is describing the *kind of faith* that saves. It is a faith that **bears the fruit of good works** that truly saves. A faith that is only lip-service and is devoid of any fruit is dead and lifeless. Intellectual assent to the truth is not sufficient for salvation... even the demons *believe* in God. Salvation is NOT by works but unto good works. Thus, faith that does not result in works, is dead.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – Using James 3.13-18 (as well as ch. 6 in the course) describe the difference between a person who has worldly wisdom and one who has godly wisdom.

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

In James 3.13-18, James compares worldly wisdom and wisdom from above. The writer of the course observes that it is not knowledge alone that constitutes wisdom but the application of knowledge in daily life. A truly wise person is full of humility and meekness. they are pure, peace-loving, gentle, yielded to truth, sincere and devoid of hypocrisy. they are distinct from the world around them in these qualities.

A person of worldly wisdom is primarily proud. They are full of selfish ambition and bitter jealousy. They seek prominent places for themselves, causing strife and disorder. James calls this *demonic!* His desires concern himself, which makes him merciless unforgiving, and insincere.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – Describe your current circumstances and the way you can see God’s hand in them.

1 - COMMENTS

- This response should be personal and subjective

1 - VERSES

- [Rom. 8:28](#) We know that all things work together for good to those who love God
- [Prov. 3:5-6](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart ... and He shall direct your paths.
- [Ps. 23:3](#) He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- [Heb. 12:7-11](#) If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons.
- [James 1:2-3](#) Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
- [Ps. 25:9](#) The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

EXAM 2 – Share an example of a time you responded to a teaching that God showed you in the “mirror” of His Word.

1 - COMMENTS

- This is to be a specific example of what they *learned from God's Word*, either privately or publicly, that they applied to their life by making necessary changes.

2 - VERSES

- [James 1:21-25](#) Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves
- [Luke 11:28](#) Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!
- [John 5:51](#) Obey and live forever.
- [Josh. 23:6](#) Be careful to obey everything.

EXAM 3 – What lesson(s) have you learned personally from observing partiality of any kind among Christians?

1 - COMMENTS

- This should be an observation of a particular *problem of partiality among Christians*.

2 - VERSES

- [Rom. 2:11](#) There is no partiality with God.
- [Rom. 13:7](#) Submit to those in authority over you.

- [Heb. 13:5](#) I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- [James 2:1-13](#) Beware of Personal Favoritism

EXAM 4 – Give one example of your faith being expressed in works.

1 - COMMENTS

- Should be a personal example of doing something in *response to faith*.
- *Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Today's Priesthood and It's Sacrifices*

2 - VERSES

- [Eph. 2:10](#) We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- [Heb. 11:6](#) Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- [1 Tim. 6:18-19](#) Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come.
- [James 2:14-26](#) Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

EXAM 5 – What steps have you taken to gain victory over sins of the tongue?

1 - COMMENTS

- List the steps that were taken to gain victory over *sins of the tongue*. Perhaps this lesson made them see the need to do that. This could be shared.

2 - VERSES

- [Prov. 13:3](#) He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
- [Ps. 34:13](#) Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.
- [Ps. 39:1](#) I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle.
- [Ps. 141:3](#) Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.
- [James 1:26](#) If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.
- [James 3:6](#) The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body.

EXAM 6 – In applying biblical wisdom, how would you react to someone who gossiped about you?

1 - COMMENTS

- Hypothetical response-"How would you?"

2 - VERSES

- [Matt. 18:21-35](#) The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.
- [Rom. 12:17](#) Repay no one evil for evil.
- [Titus 3:2](#) Speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.
- [James 3:13-18](#) Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom.

EXAM 7 – Recall an argument that you were once involved in. In light of the teaching in this study, how do you think you could have avoided it?

1 - COMMENTS

- This should be specific without necessarily giving details of disagreement.

2 - VERSES

- [Prov. 17:14](#) The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.
- [2 Tim. 2:14](#) Not to strive about words to no profit.
- [2 Tim. 2:22-24](#) Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.
- [James 4:1-5](#) Pride Promotes Strife.

EXAM 8 – What counsel would you give a believer who seeks to be restored to the Lord?

1 - COMMENTS

- *This response should involve first of all examining one's own heart and life* as to whether you are a good example of an obedient believer (Matt. 7:1-5; Gal. 6:1). Then we should gently show the backslider the need for restoration This must include *confession of sin* (1 John 1:9-10).
- Secondly, he must *right any situation* where he has disobeyed or perhaps hurt another person (Matt. 5:23-24)
- Thirdly, he must take *definite steps towards getting back* into studying God's Word (Col. 3:16) and fellowshiping with other believers (Heb. 10:24-25) if this has been neglected.

2 - VERSES

- [Ps. 66:18](#) If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.
- [Matt. 9:13; Luke 5:32](#) I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.
- [John 9:31](#) We know that God does not hear sinners.
- [James 5:16](#) The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- [2 Peter 3:9](#) The Lord desires to see no one perish.
- [1 John 1:9](#) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

EXAM 9 – How has God spoken to you in this lesson? What steps will you take in response?

1 - COMMENTS

- Should be something specific from lesson 9. This lesson has to do with hoarding riches and seeking things for one's self rather than the things of the Lord and caring about others.

2 - VERSES

- [Matt. 6:19-21](#) Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- [1 Tim. 6:17-19](#) Instructions to the Rich.
- [Rom. 8:17](#) We will share Christ's treasures.

EXAM 10 – Give an example of a time you had to patiently endure an injustice. Which Scriptures encouraged you?

1 - COMMENTS

- Response should be a personal experience of *injustice*; preferably not some else's.

2 - VERSES

- [James 5:7-11](#) Be Patient and Persevering.
- [Rom. 5:3-4](#) Tribulation produces perseverance.
- [2 Tim. 2:3, 12](#) You must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

EXAM 11 – What new insight into the Bible's teaching on healing did you gain from this study?

1 - COMMENTS

- Share some specific new insight into the Biblical teaching on *healing*.

2 - VERSES

- [Acts 9:34](#) Jesus the Christ heals you.
- [Acts 14:9](#) Through faith we are healed by God.
- [James 5:13-18](#) Shows that the healing promised by God is for a person whose sickness is a result of sin, who confesses to the elders.

EXAM 12 – Share some specific new insight into the Biblical teaching on healing

1 - COMMENTS

- This should be a practical example.

2 - VERSES

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