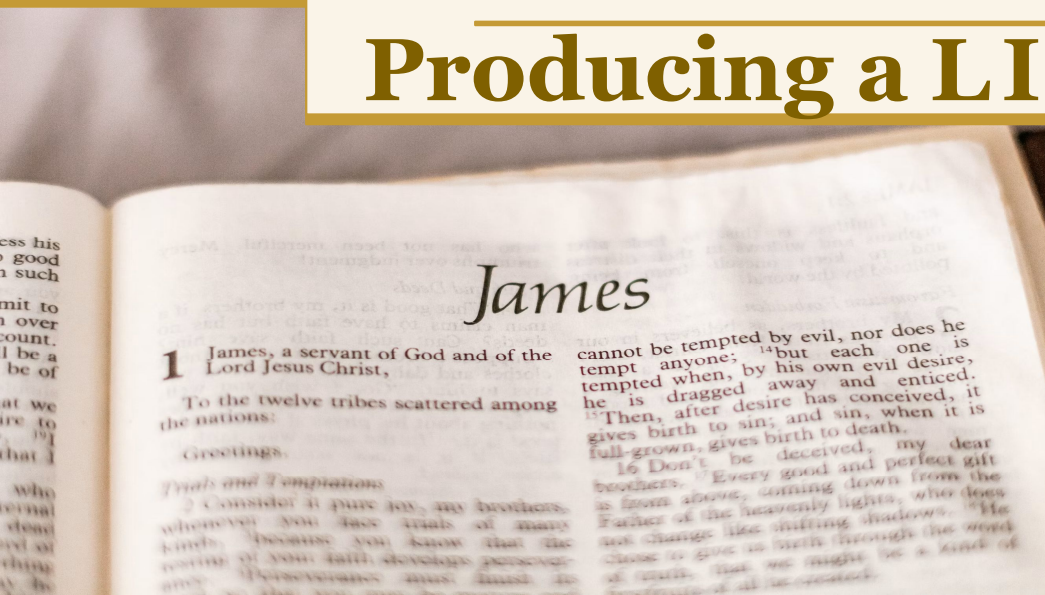




# THE BOOK OF JAMES

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## Producing a LIVING FAITH



## REVIEW: Producing a LIVING Faith

vv. 2-4 –

Trials bring about a **MATURE** faith.

vv. 5-8 –

Wisdom brings about an **UNDIVIDED** faith.

vv. 9-11 –

Wisdom brings about a **WEALTHY** faith.

## REVIEW: Producing a LIVING Faith

- Mature faith = living faith
- Maturity comes by endurance. (of T&T)
- Endurance comes by wisdom.
- Wisdom comes by God's Word (DVP).

# Producing a LIVING Faith

(James 1:12-15)

*“Endurance brings about a rewarded Faith”*

## Outline:

1. The test of temptation v. 12
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## 1. The test of temptation v. 12

Three results of enduring temptation:

- 1) Blessed – Characterized by happiness and being highly favored (as by divine grace)
- 2) Approved – The result of holding up under trials and temptations.
- 3) Crown of Life

## Crown of Life:

- Context: 3 Judgments of the believer –
  - 1) Judged as sinners (but substituted)
  - 2) Judged as children (cf. 1 Cor. 11:27-34)
  - 3) Judged as servants (bema-seat)
- “crown” (στέφανον) is a laurel or wreath
- Given to victors and signifies recognition, glory, and prestige, and sometimes sovereignty

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## 2. The source of temptation vv. 13-14

### A. Not from God v. 13

- The restriction v. 13a
- The reason v. 13b

### Note 2 important points:

- 1) God cannot be tempted by evil
- 2) Nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

## 2. The source of temptation vv. 13-14

### B. From the flesh v. 14

#### ➤ Universal Truth v. 14a

- “each one” (cf. Heb. 4:15)

#### ➤ Anthropological Truth v. 14b

- Desire’s function
- Desire’s result
  - 1) Draws away (Js. 2:6)
  - 2) Entices

ἐπιθυμία – a desire for someth. forbidden or simply inordinate, craving, lust (cf. Rom. 7:7-8)

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### 3. The goal of temptation v. 15

A. Desire is the seed of death –

➤ The theology (review)

➤ The biology

1) Desire is conceived v. 15a

2) Gives birth to sin v. 15b

3) Sin matures to death v. 15c

• Cf. James 5:19-20

## Application/Summary:

### ➤ A challenge for myself... shared with you:

- 1) “let the Holy Spirit search you out”
- 2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”
- 3) “learn to worship God in a worthy manner”

## Application/Summary:

- 1) “let the Holy Spirit search you out”
  - Do I endure or indulge temptation?
  - What compels you to indulge?
  - Understand the “goal of the flesh”
  - What motivates you to endure?
  - Understand the reward of the enduring one.

## Application/Summary:

- 2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”
- If you are enduring temptation... Maintain humility, and fix your eyes on the LORD.

## Application/Summary:

2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”

- If you are indulging temptation...
  - Remember Romans 6
  - Remember Galatians 5:16
  - Remember James 1:12

## Application/Summary:

3) “learn to worship God in a worthy manner”

➤ “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”



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