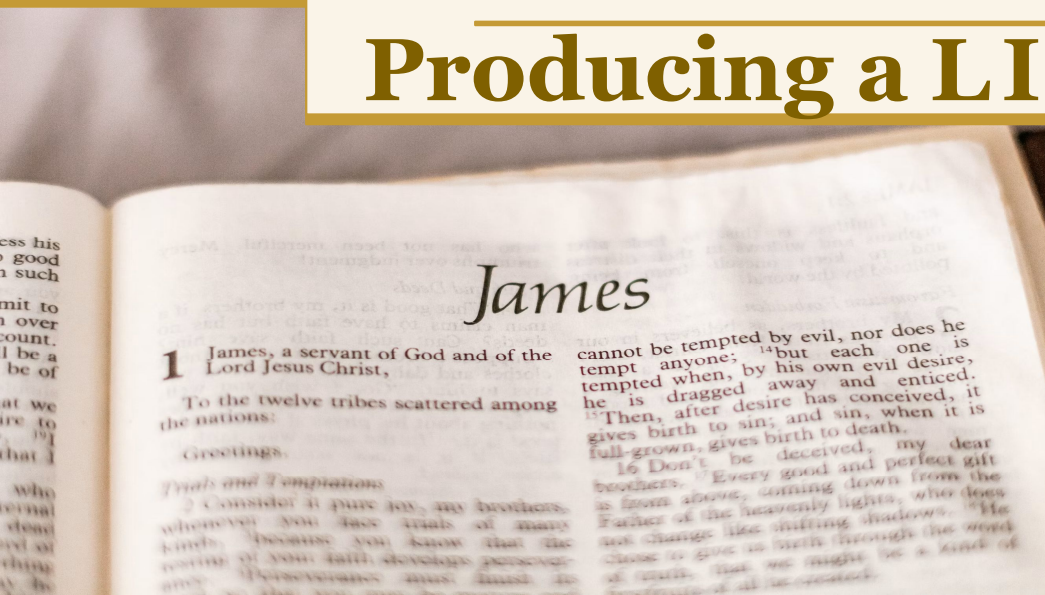




THE BOOK OF JAMES

Producing a **LIVING FAITH**



(James 1:16-20)

Producing a LIVING Faith

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16

Outline:

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Observations:

1) Do not be

2) Deceived

3) My beloved brethren

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16

Considerations:

- 1) Truth's origin (cf. Pr. 9:10; Ps. 14:1)
- 2) Truth's tension (HVP vs. DVP)
- 3) Truth's purity (no-neutrality)

Truth and living by it in any circumstance, (esp. trials) is the very center of James' letter.

REVIEW: Producing a LIVING Faith

- A faith that is mature vv. 2-4
- A faith that is undivided vv. 5-8
- A faith that is wealthy vv. 9-11
- A faith that is rewarded vv. 12-15

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16
2. The Creator of LIFE v. 17

Outline:

2. The Creator of LIFE v. 17

Observations:

- Every good, and perfect gift is from above
- They come from God
 - 1) “Father of lights” (cf. Gen. 1:14-19)
 - 2) No variation (Doctrine of immutability)
 - 3) No shadow of turning (cf. 1:6)

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16

2. The Creator of LIFE v. 17

Outline:

3. The Christian and LIFE v. 18

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Observations:

- God's will v. 18a
- The action v. 18a (**regeneration**)
- The means v. 18a (cf. 1 Pet. 1:22-2:3)
- The purpose v. 18b
 - Infinitive of purpose
(i.e. “for the purpose that we be”)
 - A kind of firstfruits of His creatures

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16

2. The Creator of LIFE v. 17

Outline:

3. The Christian and LIFE v. 18

4. The Course of LIFE v. 19

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Observations:

- Already known? Or About to learn? v. 19a
- The production of a living faith:
 - 1) Be swift to hear
 - 2) Slow to speak
 - 3) Slow to anger

The κεφαλαια Structure of James:

Prologue – 1:1-18

Thematic Statement – 1:19-20

- 1) Swift to Hear 1:21-2:26
- 2) Slow to Speak 3:1-18
- 3) Slow to Wrath 4:1-5:18

Epilogue 5:19-20

Outline:

1. The Conflict of LIFE v. 16
2. The Creator of LIFE v. 17
3. The Christian and LIFE v. 18
4. The Course of LIFE v. 19
5. The Corruption of LIFE v. 20

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Observations:

“for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God”

- The goal (righteousness)
- The corruption (wrath of man)

The rest of the letter will develop how hearing and speaking relate to man's wrath and God's righteousness.

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”
 - Is HVP leading me away from DVP?
 - How do I know this is happening?

- 2) “humble yourself and do what God desires of His children”
 - How do I keep it from happening?
 - Earnestly desire the pure milk of the WORD!

Application/Summary:

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

- Understanding that the Father of lights is our Father too!
- Perfecting our “hearing” (cf. “ears to hear”)
- Protecting our “speech”
- Purging our “wrath”



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