

Practical Christianity

Part 1

James 1-2

During the month of April, we will look at being a Christian in a practical way from the book of James. This practical 5-chapter book goes into a variety of issues that was plaguing the church 2000 years ago and affecting us now. These next two lessons will cover the five chapters and will be broken into two main sections. The first will be a direct relation to the Bible. Then the second part will cover those areas in a personal manner. The goal is to take what we read and then apply the lessons we learn in a practical means. After all, when we talk about food, you will not get full from a theoretical meal but will feel satisfied when eating real food. Let's treat the Bible the same way and eat spiritually of the good book we call, The Bible.

BIBLICAL QUESTIONS

1) According to James, in what situations should we consider joyous?

James 1:1-2

2) When our faith is tested what is produced and when this grows what do we gain?

James 1:3-4

3) What should we ask from God and how should we approach Him?

James 1:5-8

4) What is the different perspective between people with different financial backgrounds and how does James suggest for them to behave?

James 1:9-11

5) James continues regarding trials in our lives. What does he say about this subject in relation to God?

James 1:12-18

6) What advice does James give regarding our behavior on what we say and do?

James 1:19-27

7) At the beginning of chapter two, what are we told not to do? What example and scriptural reference is used to help support this command?

James 2:1-13

8) After reading the scriptures below, how is faith and works connected? In what ways can we show what is being said from these verses?

James 2:14-26

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

A) Let's face it. Dealing with trials and difficulties is tough when it comes into our lives. Why is it important for us to look at terrible times as something joyful and positive? What can we learn and teach others from this experience?

B) It is important for us to ask God for wisdom without wavering in faith. In what ways can we show God that our faith is strong and we are not wavering when asking for wisdom?

C) Why is it important to make sure we put to action on what we hear? How can this make a difference amongst one another when we put to action good advice?

D) Showing favor comes natural as breathing. However, James mentions that we should be different as Christians in how we treat each other. Why is it important to not show favoritism? What can we do on an individual and group level to work on not showing favoritism towards certain people?