

NEW LIFE CHURCH PT WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Prayer Of Faith

JAMES 5:13-18

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MELANNIE JACKSON

LESSON 1

Overview:

»→ The Book of James was written by _____.

★ James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

»→ Who is James writing to?

_____.

★ James 1:2-3

² *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends!

Phillips

count yourselves supremely happy **New English Bible**

»→ The literal rendering is: _____.

»→ James is not saying the trials are joyful in themselves but that they are a means to an E_____ which is joyful.

OUR LOVING GOD ALLOWS TRIALS IN OUR LIVES, NOT TO IMPAIR US TO BUT
TO I_____ US. NOT TO DESTROY US BUT TO D_____ US.

★ James 1:4-8

⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ 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.

*⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **NIV***

*⁵ If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. **Amplified***

*⁵ And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God - who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish or guilty - and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him. **Phillips***

ASK

AITEO means: *To ask in the sense of:*

»→ **R**.

★ **Matthew 7:9-10**

⁹ “Which of you, if your son *asks* for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he *asks* for a fish, will give him a snake?

»→ D.

★ **Luke 23:23**

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently ***demand***ed that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

»→ P.

★ **Matthew 21:22**

²² If you believe, you will receive whatever you *ask* for in prayer.”

»→ **AITEO** emphasizes that the prayer is for something to be G rather than for something to be D.

“James does not say, “Let him work for or earn or buy wisdom.” It’s not for sale; it’s a gift. Just ask.” - **Stephen Cole**

ASK GOD

★ Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ *Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;*
⁶ *in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight*

ASK GOD IN FAITH, WITHOUT DOUBTING

»→ Faith is E in approaching God.

★ Hebrews 11:6

⁶ *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

DIDOMI means: *gives*

»→ The word is in the present tense which means that God is
C_____ giving.

“It is characteristic of the unbeliever to see God with a clenched fist; it is characteristic of the believer to see Him with an open hand.”- John Blanchard

HAPLOS means: *liberally, with singleness of heart. As an adjective it means simple or single.*

»→ God gives with a single motive: to further the W_____ of the asker.

ONEIDIZO means: *to assail with abusive words, to insult, to slander, to falsely accuse or to speak disparagingly of a person in manner not justified, to find fault in a way that demeans the other, to mock, to heap insults upon as a way of shaming.*

»→ It means to **upbraid**, which in turn means to C_____ severely, find fault with, reproach severely or scold vehemently.

GOD DOES NOT GIVE IN A WAY THAT HUMILIATES THE RECEIVER.

**GOD'S GENEROSITY IS MEASURED BY WHAT HE DESIGNS AND NOT BY WHAT
WE DESERVE.**

»→ So instead of giving us disparaging words, God gives us D_____wisdom.