

Series "Route 66"
"James"
Book-59

The Author – James 1:1 James,

When Written – About 46-49 A. D.

Where it was Written – Jerusalem

Written To – James 1:1

Background –

Purpose –

1. To show that true faith produces good works.
2. To emphasize the practical aspects of Christian living.

Theme – "Christian Maturity," or "Marks of Maturity"

Key Words – Faith 16 times, Works 15 times

Key Chapter – James 1

Key Passage – James 1:19-22

Outline – James gives "13 Marks of Maturity"

1. James 1:1-12 "Mature In Trials"

1. Verse - 2 A Joyful Attitude:

Consider (count) - this word comes as an accounting term. It means, "to evaluate," it is an honest assessment of the figure. It is looking at the hardship from a heavenly or spiritual perspective. (That is producing something of value)

2. Verses - 3-4 Understanding Mind:

3. Verse - 4 A Surrendered Will:

4. Verses - 5-8 A Prayerful Heart:

5. Verses - 9-12 Glory in The Lord, look to the reward!

2. James 1:13-18 "Mature In Temptations"

1. Verses -13-14 The Source Of Temptations:

2. Verses -15-16 The Course Of Temptations:

3. Verses -17-18 The Victory Of Temptations:

Temptation cannot be outgrown but it can be overcome!

1. Submit to God -

2. We have the privilege of prayer - James 1:5

3. Apply the word -

4. Submit to the indwelling Holy Spirit -

3. James 1:19-27 "Mature In The Word"

1. Give Full Attention To The Word -19

Quick to hear -"swift in listening."

2. Control Your Tongue - slow to speak

3. Control Your Anger - and slow to anger

4. Clean Up Your Life: Therefore putting aside all filthiness

Verses - 22-25 Application Of The Word:

Verses - 26-27 Practicality Of The Word:

4. James 2:1-13 "Mature In Equity" (Non-Partial) freedom from bias or favoritism:

Verse - 1 Favoritism Condemned:

Favoritism - The word means," to receive a face"

1. Verse -5 Favoritism Is Inconsistent with God's Actions:
2. Verses - 6-7 Favoritism is inappropriate with man's activity:
3. Verses-8-11 Favoritism breaks God's Royal Law:

5. James 2:14-26 "Mature In Faith"

1. Verses -14-19 A Dead Faith:
 - A False Faith will not Bring Salvation:
 - False Faith does not Help Others:
 - A False Faith Offers No Evidence At All:
 - A False Faith is a Demonic faith:
2. Verses -20-26 A Living Faith:

6. James 3:1-12 "Mature In Tongue"

1. Verses - 1-4 Power To Direct:
2. Verses - 5-8 Power To Destroy:
3. Verses - 9-12 Power To Delight:

7. James 3:13-18 "Mature In Wisdom"

1. Verse - 13 The Need Of True Wisdom:
2. Verses - 14-16 Earthly Wisdom and Characteristics:
3. Verses - 17-18 Heavenly Wisdom and Characteristics:

8. James 4:1-10 "Mature in Holiness"

1. Verses - 1-2 Worldliness, Its Cause:

Quarrels - Speaks of wars, that which was on going. Conflicts - speaks of flair ups, outbursts, those hot times. "Fights and quarrels" "wars and fights."

The essence of sin is selfishness. It is our will over God's will.

2. Verses - 3-6 Worldliness, Its Consequences:

3. Verses - 7-10 Worldliness, Its Cure:

9. James 4:11-12 "Mature In Speech"

1. Verse - 11 Slander Is Not To Be:

2. Verse - 11 Slander Above The Law:

3. Verse - 12 Slander Above God:

THINK.

T - is it true?

H - is it helpful?

I - is it inspiring?

N - is it necessary?

K - is it kind?

10. James 4:13-17 "Mature In Planning"

1. Verse -13 Planning Without God:

2. Verses -13-16 Presuming To Know:

Life is Complex: 13

Life is Uncertain: 14

Life is Short: 14-15

3. Verses -17 Postponing His Will:

11. James 5:1-6 "Mature In Resources"

1. Verses -1-3 The Judgment Of The Rich: upon you.

2. Verses -4-6 The Deeds Of The Rich:

12. James 5:7-12 "Mature In Patience"

Verses-7-9 Example Of The Farmer:

Verse-10 Example Of The Prophets:

Verses-11-12 Example Of Job:

13. James 5:13-20 "Mature In Prayer" A mark of maturity is dependence on God through prayer.

1. Verse -13 Prayer For The Broken Hearted:

2. Verses -14-15 Prayer For The Sick:

3. Verse -16 Prayer For Relationships:

4. Verses -17-18 Prayer For Our Nation:

5. Verses-19-20 Prayer For The Straying: