



# THE PURSUIT READING PLAN



## Day 6

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### James 1

Journal and/or do discussion questions

**With the book of James, there's not so much a linear thought about a specific situation as much as it simply gets in your business and asks whether your lifestyle lines up with your beliefs. Allow it to do that in you!**

- 1) Multiple passages in this chapter are about persevering through trials. It even says that when we view life through the lens of our faith, we see trials as opportunities to develop perseverance. How is that true of our current situation, and how can this situation actually lead you to spiritual maturity?
- 2) Verse 21 commands us to let go of “moral filth and evil” in our lives and simply “humbly accept the Word planted in you.” Verse 22 says don't just listen to the Word, do it! How are you guilty of this and what needs to change in order to make your life obedient to this passage?
- 3) Reflect on verse 26. What does this say about the character of God? Measure your life against this passage.



## Day 7

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### James 2

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- 1) Are you guilty of the sin of favoritism discussed in verses 1-5? If so, what practical things in your life do you need to change?
- 2) What is the message of verses 8-11? How does that change your perspective?
- 3) Verses 14-26 is so challenging. What does it mean that faith without works is dead and that faith is completed by what we do? Based on this passage, what does God say about your faith?



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## Day 8

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### James 3

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**With the book of James, there's not so much a linear thought about a specific situation as much as it simply gets in your business and asks whether your lifestyle lines up with your beliefs. Allow it to do that in you!**

- 1) There is so much more to you than what you say, but people's impression and opinion of you is mostly based on how you represent yourself, and God, through speech. Based on your speech in different areas of your life, how do people view you?
- 2) The implication of verses 9-12 is that God is not pleased with our worship when we then turn around and use our mouths to sin. Reflect on this.
- 3) Verse 9 rebukes the act of talking bad about people who are made in God's image. What does this mean about who we are truly insulting? In light of this, what specifically needs to change in you?
- 4) Based on verses 13-18, are there areas in your life where you buy into and practice the wisdom of the world over wisdom from God?



## Day 9

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### James 4

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- 1) What are your biggest goals in life? And think about your innermost motives. Why do you truly do the things you do? Are these worldly or godly?
- 2) Verses 8-10 teach that broken-hearted repentance actually leads to God-given joy. Has this been true in your life? Does this need to play out in your life now? Reflect and elaborate.
- 3) Verses 13-14 are glaringly true right now. How does your view of your life change when you realize you are a mist that is only on this earth for a little while and then vanishes?





## Day 10

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### James 5

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- 1) By the world's standard, you are very wealthy. How does this passage demand you to use your great wealth? Allow the heaviness of this passage to sink in.
- 2) Verse 10 encourages you to be patient and persevere in the Christian life by considering the prophets. This is a powerful idea. If you were alive in the Old Testament times, how do you hope you would have lived? In 100 years, what do you hope will have been true about your life?
- 3) Verses 13-18 talk about the power of prayer. Reflect on this. Do you pray like this is true?