

PART ONE

James

WEEK 1: JAMES

DAY 1: WHY WERE THE LETTERS WRITTEN?

James 1

1. Welcome to this book of lessons. For the next ten weeks we want to talk with you a little each day. We have already prayed that God will help us learn together. We want to learn to do the work of God in a better way.

Many people like to receive letters. When our friends live far from us, we like them to write to us. We want to hear news from them.

Do you like to receive letters? _____

2. We all like to receive letters. At the time of the early church, God helped the apostles to write letters to other Christians. These letters are sometimes called "epistles". Epistles is another name for letters.

In this book, we will study seven letters that are in the New Testament. These seven letters are called the General Epistles. These seven letters were written for all Christians.

If the General Epistles were written for all Christians, do you think they can help you? _____

3. The General Epistles can help you. We call them "General" because they were written for all Christians. They were not written to Christians in only one city. They were written for Christians who lived in many places. The General Epistles were written by the apostles.

How many letters are there in the General Epistles? _____

4. There are seven letters in the General Epistles. These are the names of the seven letters:

James	1 John
1 Peter	2 John
2 Peter	3 John
	Jude

Who wrote the General Epistles? _____

5. The apostles wrote the General Epistles. In fact, the name of each letter is the name of the man who wrote the letter. This means that Peter wrote the two letters called 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

Who wrote the letter of Jude? _____

6. Jude wrote the letter of Jude. James wrote the letter of James. Peter wrote two letters. John wrote three letters.

Today we want to learn why the General Epistles were written. There are two big reasons.

- (1) To encourage Christians.
- (2) To correct false teaching.

Were the General Epistles written for the people in just one city? _____

7. No. The General Epistles were written for all Christians. During the time of the early church, many Christians were troubled. They had a hard life. People hated the Christians because they followed Jesus. Some Christians were killed because they believed and obeyed Jesus.

Acts 8:1:

And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

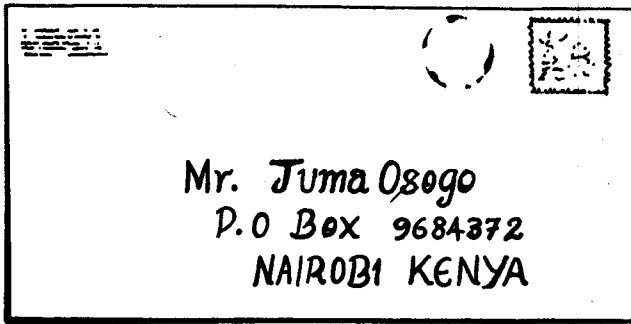
From this verse, what made the Christians leave Jerusalem? _____

8. The Christians were troubled. This made them want to leave Jerusalem. But the apostles stayed in Jerusalem. The apostles wrote letters to the people who were scattered in many other cities and countries. They wrote letters to encourage them. They wanted to help them have strong faith.

What do we call the seven letters which were written to encourage Christians?

9. We call them the General Epistles. Let me tell you about a Christian who needed to be encouraged. His name was Juma. Juma left his home and his village. He moved to the big city of Nairobi. But when he arrived in the city, he found it hard. He could not find work. Food cost much money. He had no good place to sleep. Juma was sad.

But one day, Juma received a letter from his father. His father was a Christian. In the letter, the father said that he was praying for his son. This made Juma happy.



The letter to Juma shows us the first reason why the apostles wrote the General Epistles. What is it? _____

10. The first reason was to encourage Christians. The letters were written to help Christians who were troubled. They were written to make their faith strong. In these seven letters, you will find many things that can help you and the people in your church. Perhaps you are sometimes troubled. Or perhaps the people in your church have hard things. The teaching in these seven letters can encourage you and your people.

What do we call the seven letters written to encourage Christians? _____

11. They are called the General Epistles. They are seven letters from the apostles to Christians in many places.

The second reason the General Epistles were written was to correct false teaching. At that time, there were men who called themselves teachers. They went from place to place. Some teachers were good. But some teachers were false. They did not teach the truth.

What is the first reason why the General Epistles were written?

(1) _____

(2) To correct false teaching.

12. The first reason was to encourage Christians. But that is not the only reason. The second reason was to correct false teaching. False teachers are people who do not teach what the Bible teaches. They do not teach the truth. At the time of the early church, some false teachers said that Jesus is not God. Other false teachers said that Jesus would not come back to earth again.

The apostles wrote these seven letters to teach the truth. They wrote to correct false teaching.

Do you know people who are false teachers? _____

Do your people need preaching to correct false teaching? _____

13. In some places today, there are false teachers. There are people who do not teach what the Bible teaches. There are people who do not explain the Bible in the right way. That is how it was in the time when the General Epistles were written.

What is the second reason why the General Epistles were written? _____

14. The second reason was to correct false teaching. False teaching is a bad thing. It can make Christians stop believing in Jesus. It can cause many problems.

Today, the people in some churches do not know the difference between true teaching and false teaching. In some places there is not a good teacher to explain the Bible well. When people do not understand the Bible well, they sometimes listen to false teaching.

The apostles wrote the General Epistles for two reasons. Write the first reason.

(1) _____

(2) To correct false teaching.

15. The General Epistles were written to encourage Christians. The letters could make their faith in God strong.

What is the second reason why the General Epistles were written? _____

16. The second reason these seven letters were written was to correct false teaching. There were false teachers who did not tell people the truth. They did not tell the truth about God and Jesus. Today, these letters can help us to know the truth. They can help us to correct false teaching in our churches.

As you study this book, you will find many new things. There will be many things which you can use to preach in your church. There will be things that will help you in your own life and home. The first letter we will study is the letter of James.

Stop now and ask God to help you with these lessons. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you understand the teaching in these seven letters.

17. After you have prayed, answer this question.

What are two big reasons why the General Epistles were written?

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 1: JAMES

DAY 2: JAMES WAS A SERVANT AND WROTE FOR JEWS

James 1:1

1. Yesterday we learned that the General Epistles were written for two big reasons. Write the reasons.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. The General Epistles were written to encourage Christians and to correct false teaching. Today we will start to study the letter of James. First let us learn about the man who wrote this letter. It is good to know the person who writes to you. This is what we will learn today.

(1) James called himself a servant.

(2) James wrote his letter to the scattered Jews.

Before you read more from this book, take your Bible. Read James 1:1.

3. From these verses we see that a man called James wrote this letter. We saw yesterday that the name of each letter is the name of the man who wrote it. James is the name of this book. It is also the name of the man who wrote this book.

Look at James 1:1 in your Bible again. In this verse, what did James call himself?

4. He called himself a servant of Jesus. At the time when the Bible was written, the word servant said something very important. A servant was a slave. He was bought by his master. He lived only to please his master. The writer of this letter called himself a servant. He wanted to be a slave of Jesus.

Who called himself a servant of Jesus in this letter? _____

5. It was James. James wrote this letter. But who was this man called James? He was a brother of Jesus. Jesus and James had the same mother. Their mother was Mary.

But James did not boast about this. When he wrote he did not say, "You must listen to me because I am the brother of Jesus." James was humble.

What did James call himself in this letter? _____

6. James called himself a servant. He said he was the servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. But when Jesus was alive on earth, James did not follow him. James did not believe in Jesus when he was on earth.

John 7:5:

For even his brothers did not believe him (Jesus).

But after Jesus rose from the dead, James believed. He knew then that Jesus was his Saviour. James went to pray with the other believers after Jesus arose.

Acts 1:14:

All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, with his brothers.

After James became a believer in Jesus, what did he call himself? _____

7. James called himself a servant after he believed. Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead. James was a brother of Jesus. But he did not boast about this. He called himself a servant of Jesus. A servant is a person who works hard. A servant must obey his master. A servant must be faithful and honest.

James 1:1:

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion (or scattering): Greeting.

From this verse, to whom did James write his letter? _____

8. James wrote his letter to the twelve tribes who were scattered. "The twelve tribes" is another way of saying "the Jews". There were twelve tribes of Jews. This letter was written for Jews who had become Christians.

But these Jews had been scattered. They lived in many countries. They had been driven from their own country by the troubles. Now they lived in other countries. James wrote this letter to scattered Jews.

What did James call himself in this letter after he believed? _____

9. James called himself a servant. He wrote his letter to Jews who had become Christians. He wrote to Christian Jews to encourage them. He wrote to correct false teaching. Some Jews lived in their own country. But some Jews had left their country and moved to other countries.

What kind of Jews did James call the ones who lived in other countries? _____

10. They were called scattered people. They had left their own country. They had moved to many other countries.

James wrote his letter to scattered people. What was the name of these people?

11. They were Jews. These Jews needed spiritual help. Yesterday we saw how the Christians in Jerusalem were troubled. Many Christian Jews left Jerusalem because of the troubles. They went to many different places. They took the gospel with them. But some were still having troubles.

To whom did James write his letter? _____

12. James wrote his letter to scattered Jews. He wrote to Christian Jews who lived in many countries. When we read the book of Acts, we see that Paul visited many cities and countries. In all of these countries there were Jews. He preached to them. These Jews who heard Paul were part of the scattered Jews.

What did James call himself after he became a believer? _____

13. James called himself a servant. He said he was the servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is something that a shepherd must call himself. In fact, all Christians are servants of Jesus Christ. We are all people who should obey Jesus. All Christians should work for Jesus.

To whom did James the servant write his letter? _____

14. James wrote his letter to the scattered Jews. He wrote his letter to Jews who were far from their homes. They were living in many countries.

Which book was written for the scattered Jews? _____

15. It was the book of James. But do you think James wrote his letter for

those people only? No. This letter is for all Christians. It is part of God's word. This letter can help all Christians who read it.

But what is the first group of people that James wrote his letter for? _____

16. James first wrote for the scattered Jews. But he also wrote for all Christians. What are the two big reasons why the General Epistles were written?

(1) _____

(2) _____

17. The General Epistles were written to encourage Christians and to correct false teaching.

What did James call himself after he became a believer? _____

What is the first group of people to whom James wrote his letter? _____

WEEK 1: JAMES
DAY 3: TRIALS MAKE CHRISTIANS STRONG
James 1:2-8

1. James the brother of Jesus wrote the first of the General Epistles.

After James became a believer, what did he call himself? _____

What is the first group of people to whom James wrote his letter? _____

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2. James called himself a servant. He wrote his letter to the scattered Jews. These Jews had been troubled and had moved to other countries.

Today we will learn why Christians have troubles and trials. We will learn two things.

(1) The testing of our faith by trials makes us strong.

(2) We should meet trials with joy.

Take your Bible now and read James 1:2-8.

Do you know Christians who have met trials? _____

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3. All Christians meet trials. God lets us meet trials to test our faith. God sometimes lets us meet trials to see if our faith is true.

James wrote his letter to people who had trials. He wrote to tell them why they had trials. This letter can encourage people with trials.

In school, what does a teacher give students to find out if they have learned well?

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4. A teacher gives a test to see if his students have learned well. God tests our faith. God wants to know if our faith in him is strong.

James 1:2-3:

Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness (or strength).

What does God give us to test our faith? _____

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5. God gives us trials to test our faith. A trial is not something wrong or sinful. A trial is something hard which happens to us. It is like this. Moshi is a pastor. He has been married for seven years. He has a good wife. But

last year his only son died. Moshi and his wife were very sad. This was a trial for them.

What does God test by trials? _____

6. God wants to test our faith. Some people say that they believe Jesus. But their faith is not true. Their faith is not from the heart. When trials come, they turn back. Trials show whether a person has true faith or not.

God tests our faith with trials. He does this to show whether our faith is true. Let us look at the verse again.

James 1:3:

... for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness (or strength).

What will the testing of our faith produce? _____

7. It will produce strength. It will make us strong. To be strong means that we are faithful. We do not change. We do not go back. When we are strong, God can use us. When we are strong, we are ready to do God's work. A strong person is faithful.

What does God give us to make us strong? _____

8. God gives us trials to make us strong. When Pastor Moshi went through his trial well, he was a stronger Christian. The trial was a hard thing for him. He wanted very much to have a son. But he learned many things from the trial. He read his Bible more. He prayed more. His faith became stronger.

Whom does God test by trials to make them strong? _____

9. God tests all Christians. He tests their faith. There are many kinds of trials. Perhaps we do not have enough money to pay school fees. This may be a trial. Perhaps someone in your church says bad things about you that are not true. This may be a trial. Perhaps your father or mother is very sick. This may be a trial for you.

How does the testing of our faith by trials help us? _____

10. The testing of our faith by trials makes us strong. It is important that Christians stand and be strong. God does not want his children to be

changing all the time. He wants them to be faithful. He wants them to be strong. When we go through hard things well, it makes us strong.

How should we feel when we meet trials? James tells us.

James 1:2:

Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials.

From this verse, how should we feel when we meet trials? _____

11. This verse says that we should be happy. We should have joy when we meet trials. This is hard to do. It is easy to complain when hard things come. It is easy to be sad when trials come. But James tells us we should be happy. James says there is a big reason why God gives us trials. God gives us trials to test our faith. This testing helps us.

How does the testing of our faith by trials help us? _____

12. The testing of our faith by trials makes us strong. When we go through trials in the right way, we become better Christians.

In 1942 Ojiwa believed that God wanted him to go to a village to preach. He believed he should start a church. This village was not his home. It was not easy for him to go there. There was little money. The people at the village did not believe him when he started to preach. But God had told him to go there. At the village, Ojiwa went through many trials. The people made it hard for him. They told lies about him.



How should we feel when we go through trials as Ojiwa did? _____

13. We should feel happy when trials come. Ojiwa had a hard time in this village. But he knew that God had sent him there. He was happy to be working for the Lord. Even when things were hard, he was happy. He knew he was doing God's work.

Ojiwa met his trials well. He was faithful. He was a good shepherd. He did everything that God told him to do. He was obedient. He worked hard. After many months, some people became believers. Today there is a big church in that village.

How did the testing of the faith of Ojiwa help him? _____

14. At the village, Ojiwa's faith was tested. But this made him strong. He was faithful. He became a good worker for the Lord.

What did Ojiwa meet well that made him strong? _____

15. Ojiwa met big trials. Hard things happened to him. But he went through these hard times well. This made him strong. We should not be surprised when trials come to us. All Christians have trials. God lets us meet trials to make us strong.

How should we feel when we meet trials? _____

16. We should have joy when we meet trials. God wants us to be happy when trials come. We should not complain. We should not be bitter in our hearts. We should not speak evil of others when trials come. We should have joy because when we meet trials well, it will make us strong.

There are many Christians who go through trials. There are people in your church who are having trials now. They do not understand why they have trials.

Before you come to class, go to someone who is having a trial. From this lesson, tell that person how the trials can help him.

17. When you come to class, we will talk about what happened.

How does the testing of our faith by trials help us? _____

How should we feel when we meet trials? _____

WEEK 1: JAMES

DAY 4: DESIRE BRINGS SIN AND SIN BRINGS DEATH

James 1:9-15

1. Yesterday we learned that we have trials to test our faith.

How does the testing of our faith with trials help us? _____

How should we feel when we meet trials? _____

2. The testing of our faith with trials will make us strong. We should feel happy when trials come to us.

Today we will learn about temptation. A temptation is not the same thing as a trial. A trial is a hard thing which happens to us. But a temptation is a desire to do something wrong. We will learn two things about temptation today.

- (1) One cause of temptation is our own bad desires.
- (2) If we let sin grow in our lives we will die.

Take your Bible now and read James 1:9-15.

Do you think Christians can be tempted to sin? _____

3. Yes. Christians can be tempted to sin. But why does this happen? James tells us.

James 1:14:

Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed (or pulled) by his own desire.

Here is another way to say this verse: Temptation is the pull of a man's own evil thoughts and desires. Temptation is wanting to do wrong.

Read James 1:14 again. Does this verse say that Satan is the cause of temptation?

4. This verse does not say that Satan causes us to be tempted. This verse says that it is our own desires which cause us to be tempted.

Gikonyo lived in a small village in Kenya. One day he moved to a large town. In the town he saw many things which he wanted to do. He found friends who wanted him to go to the bar and drink. They seemed to be happy. He met a girl who wanted him to do things which were wrong.

Gikonyo was tempted. Do you think Satan tempted him, or do you think it was his own desires that tempted him? Write what you think here.

5. I think it was the desires of Gikonyo's heart that tempted him. He wanted the things his friends had. He wanted to do what they did. Gikonyo had these desires. The desires tempted him.

It is true that the devil sometimes tempts us. It was the devil who tempted Jesus.

Matthew 4:1:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

The devil tempted Jesus. But is the devil the only cause of temptation? _____

6. The devil tempted Jesus. Sometimes the devil tempts us. But many times it is our own bad desires that tempt us. The devil is not the only cause of temptation. He is one cause. Our own bad thoughts are another cause. We can want to do things which God tells us not to do.

What can our own bad desires do to us? _____

7. They can tempt us. It is easy to blame Satan for our temptations. And sometimes we are tempted because of what Satan does. Satan wants us to sin and to fall. But he is not the only reason why we are tempted.

What is another cause of temptation? _____

8. Our own bad desires are another cause. When we desire to do things which we know are wrong, then we are tempted. We should not blame Satan every time we are tempted. Sometimes it is our own fault that we are tempted. We have bad desires. We listen to them. Then we are tempted. Now let us look at another verse.

James 1:13:

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one.

Does God ever tempt people to sin? _____

9. God does not tempt people. And God is never tempted to do sinful things. Sometimes Satan tempts us to do wrong. This is one cause of temptation.

What is another cause of temptation? _____

10. Our own bad desires are another cause of temptation. Now let us see what happens when temptation comes to us. If we do not stop our bad desires, the desires grow strong. The temptation becomes bigger. And then we sin.

James 1:15:

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death.

We know how children come into the world. A woman conceives. The baby grows. Then, the mother gives birth to a baby. After that the baby grows and becomes a big person.

Do you think that letting bad desires grow in our hearts can be like a woman conceiving a child? _____

11. That is what James says bad desires are like. James says that when we keep the desire to sin in our hearts, it is like a woman conceiving. If we let wrong thoughts grow in our hearts then we will sin. This is like a woman giving birth to a baby. If a woman has a baby inside her, she will give birth to a baby. If we let bad desires grow in our hearts, we will have sins in our lives.

The devil is one cause of temptation. What is another cause of temptation?

12. Our own bad desires are another cause of temptation. If we let bad desires grow in our hearts, they will become big. Then we will sin. Let us look at the verse again.

James 1:15:

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death.

What does this verse say happens when sin is full-grown? _____

13. If Christians keep on sinning, they will die. This is what James 1:15

says. When sin grows big in our lives, it brings death. This verse is talking about a person who keeps on sinning. It is not talking about a person who sins once. It is talking about a person who keeps on sinning and does not repent of his sin.

If we let bad desires grow in our hearts, what will we do? _____

14. If we let bad desires grow in our hearts, we will sin. We should be careful not to let bad desires grow in our hearts. We should throw out bad desires. We should fill our lives with desires which are good.

What does James say will happen if we let sin grow in our lives? _____

15. James says that we will die. James says that we will lose our spiritual life. But God does not want us to die. He wants us to have life. He wants us to defeat temptation. He wants us to have victory. God has given us many promises in the Bible to help us.

1 Corinthians 10:13:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

James 4:7:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

From this lesson, what is one way we can lose our spiritual life and die?

16. This will happen if we let sin grow in our lives. If we keep on sinning and do not repent, we will lose our spiritual life.

The story of Samson in the Old Testament shows us this. He let bad desires grow in his heart. He let the desires grow big and then he sinned. He sinned many times. At the end, Samson lost his life.

After you finish this lesson, you can read about Samson if you have time. The story of Samson is found in Judges 13:24 to 16:31.

17. Satan can tempt us. What does James say is another cause of temptation?

What will happen if we let sin grow in our lives? _____



WEEK 1: JAMES
DAY 5: WHAT IS CLEAN RELIGION?
James 1:16-27

1. Yesterday we learned about temptation. God wants to give us power over temptation.

The devil can tempt us. What does James say is another cause of temptation?

What will happen if we let sin grow in our lives? _____

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2. Today we will memorize two verses from James. It is important for us to learn verses. Then we can say them when we do not have our Bibles with us. These two verses are important. Learn them well.

James 1:19-20:

Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

When you can say these verses without looking at them, write them here.

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3. You will be asked to say these verses in class. Be sure to remember where they are found in the Bible.

There are many people who have some kind of religion. Religion means the way you believe and the way you pray. Many people believe and pray sometimes. They have a kind of religion, but it may not be true religion. In the verses for today, James tells us about religion that is clean and true.

Take your Bible now and read James 1:22-27.

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4. We will learn two things about clean religion today. They are in this verse.

James 1:27:

Religion that is pure (or clean) and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction (or trouble), and to keep oneself unstained (or not dirty) from the world.

We see that there are two things which show clean religion.

- (1) To visit orphans and widows.
- (2) To keep yourself unstained from the world.

Do you think these are important things for people who work in the church?

5. Visiting people is an important part of the work of a shepherd. There are many people who cannot come to church. Many people are sick. Others are very old and cannot walk a long way. It is the work of a shepherd to visit these people.

Why does a shepherd visit people? Is it just to talk about things of earth? Is it just to drink tea with a friend? No, these are not the reasons. The reason a shepherd visits people is to do the work of God. A shepherd visits people to help them in their spiritual lives.

For the letter of James, what two kinds of people will a person with clean religion visit?

6. James says that a person with clean religion will visit widows and orphans. There are people who have needs. James says that they are people in trouble. They are suffering and have problems.

There are many people near you who are like this. There are people with many kinds of needs.

What do you think you should do for these people? _____

7. James says we should visit them. We should go to where they live. We should help them with their needs. We should also help them in their spiritual lives.

Not long ago the husband of Aono died. Aono had to look after four children by herself. She had no relatives who lived near her. Aono was very sad. This was a hard trial for her. Aono's pastor and his wife went to visit her. They helped her and prayed with her. Then they asked other women in the church to go and help Aono with her house. This encouraged Aono. It made her faith in God strong.

What kind of religion is shown by people who visit widows and orphans?

8. This shows clean religion. Some people say that they believe God. They say that they have clean religion. They sometimes go to church. They sometimes pray. But they never help other people. They do not stay away from sin. These people do not have clean religion.

What is the first thing which shows clean religion? _____

9. The first thing which shows clean religion is to visit widows and orphans. We should go to the homes of people who are poor and have needs. Now let us look at the second thing which shows clean religion.

James 1:27:

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained (or not dirty) from the world.

From this verse, what is the second thing which a person with clean religion does?

10. A person with clean religion keeps himself unstained from the world. Let us see what this means. One day my wife was serving soup to friends in our home. While she was doing this, she spilled some soup on the dress of one woman. The soup made a stain or mark on the woman's dress. The soup stained the woman's dress.

James says we should not let the sin of the world stain our lives.

From James 1:27 there are two things which show clean religion. Write the first one.

(1) _____

(2) To keep yourself unstained from the world.

11. The first thing which shows clean religion is to visit widows and orphans. Later in this book, we will study the letters of John. When we study 1 John, we will talk much about the world. In the verses for today we also talk about the world. When we talk about the world in these verses, we are talking about the soil, the trees, and the sun. We are talking about the way sinners live. We are talking about the way sinners do things.

What does James say we should not let the world do to us? _____

12. We should not let it stain us. We should not let it mark us with sin. When a Christian does sinful things like the people of the world, the sins mark his life. They stain his life. Then his life does not bring glory to God. We should not let the world stain us and mark us.

From the letter of James, what does it show if we keep ourselves unstained from the world?

13. It shows that we have clean religion. There are many people who say they are Christians. They may even follow some laws. But true Christians are very careful about their lives. They have the love of God in their lives. God has forgiven their sins.

What is the second thing which shows clean religion? _____

14. The second thing is to keep yourself unstained from the world. A person with clean religion is careful to live a holy life. He does not want to let sin come into his life. He wants his life to be different from the lives of sinners. He does not want the dirty marks of sin in his life.

If you keep yourself unstained from the world, what does this show? _____

15. It shows that you have clean religion. Christians should be very careful about this. John wrote about this in his letter.

1 John 2:15:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.

Write two things which show clean religion.

(1) _____

(2) _____

16. There are two things which show clean religion. The first is to visit widows and orphans. The second is to keep unstained from the world

These are things which should be in the lives of all Christians. They should especially be in the lives of people who work in the church.

This is the end of the first week of lessons in this book. We have finished chapter 1 of James. You have done well. Stop now and pray. Thank God for helping you with your lessons this week.

17. Write James 1:19-20. _____

Write two things which show clean religion.

(1) _____

(2) _____
