

Study Guide

Author: James

- James the Lord's Brother. 1:1
 - Galatians 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's _____.
 - Matthew 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"
 - But, although the Lord did have a brother named James, there is little certainty that this is the same James as this author.
- He calls himself a "bond-servant".
 - Not a captured or inherited slave
 - But a slave that _____ into the service of the Master he has chosen.
 - This is the same sense that it is used in Romans 6.
 - Romans 6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient _____, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
 - Romans 6:19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to _____ leading to sanctification.
- To Whom is it Written?
 - To the "Twelve Tribes" scattered among the Nations
 - To the _____ Christians dispersed throughout the world.
 - It is the same group that 1 Peter was written to
 - 1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- We can know that it is inspired by God.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for _____, for reproof, for _____, and for _____ in righteousness,
 - What we can know is that James can use used for

- Teaching obedient _____ believers how they are to life in very practical ways.
 - Used for correcting someone by speaking the truth to them in love individually.
 - Used to _____ someone, to “straighten them out” – the meaning of the Greek work here.
 - And used to _____ Christians in right ways of living – the very intent of this book.
- From this 1st lesson in James, what can you remember and use?
 - It may depend on your commitment to Jesus.
 - Have you sold yourself to Jesus as a _____ - _____?
 - Have you voluntarily committed yourself to whatever he has for you to do?
 - Matthew 10:35-39 **For I have come to set a man _____ his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. (36) And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. (37) Whoever loves father or mother more than me is _____ worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (38) And whoever does not take his cross and _____ is not worthy of me. (39) Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**
 - It may also depend on WHY you are studying.
 - Are you studying to improve yourself, maybe after a period of self-examination?
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5 **_____ yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. ...**
 - Are you reading to correct someone, or re-teaching someone, or start training anyone in the righteous practices of God?
- Whatever your reason, we hope you will continue with us into lesson #2.
 - We will see about Why Trials Are Necessary.