

A Guide for Non-Conformists

JAMES 1:1

Who Should We Listen to

- A servant (slave) of God and the Lord Jesus Christ

James & Jesus

- The greatest command is to love your neighbour (Jas. 2:8; Matt. 22:39)
- Exalt yourself and you'll be humbled (Jas. 4:6-10; Matt. 23:12)
- Don't take oaths (Jas. 5:12; Matt. 5:33-37)
- Don't judge (Jas. 4:11-12; Matt. 7:1-5)
- Moth & rust destroy riches (Jas. 5:2; Matt. 6:19)
- The Lord's coming is near (Jas. 5:8-9; Matt. 24:33)

James Jesus

Other Parallels:

- Rejoice in trials (Jas. 1:2; Matt. 5:11-12)
- Maturity is the goal of trials (Jas. 1:4; Matt. 5:48)
- Ask a good God for good gifts (Jas. 1:5; Matt. 7:7)
- Be doers, not just hearers of the word (Jas. 1:22; matt. 7:24-27)
- Keep the whole law (Jas. 2:10; Matt. 5:19)
- Act on your faith (Jas. 2:14-26; 7:21-23)
- Peacemakers are blessed (Jas. 3:17-18; Matt. 5:9)
- You can't serve two masters (Jas. 4:4; Matt 6:24)

What Kind of People Should We Become

- Joy in trials (1:2)
- Steadfast (1:4; 5:6)
- Prayerful (5:17)
- Caring for the vulnerable (1:27)
- Not partial (3:1ff)
- Humble (4:6); confessing (5:13ff)
- Pursuing the lost (5:19-20)
- Friends of God (4:4)
- Embracing the Freedom of the law of the kingdom (1:25; 2:8)