



**A Courageous Conversation About
The Way You See Your World
(A Study of James, Part 1)**

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Worldview Defined and Explained:

- The conclusions and convictions you develop about the world you live in. This view will affect all your choices throughout your life. If you have a broad worldview it will show up in the way you manage challenges, the way you work, the way you communicate and the way you manage the seasons of your life.

Note: Four Conversations We Will Have That Will Challenge Your Worldview

1. A courageous conversation about **the way you see challenges** (How your view of the world affects the way you manage the tough days that come into your world)
2. A courageous conversation about **the way you work** (How your works should match what you believe)
3. A courageous conversation about **the way you communicate** (How your words should match your goals)
4. A courageous conversation about **the way you manage seasons** (How your disciplines should match your season)

Big Question: How are you managing your world?

I. A New Way To See Your World’s Challenges

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into **various trials**, 3 knowing that **the testing of your faith produces patience**. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4)

1. They will always come in various forms “various trials” (v2)
2. They will test your faith.....“the testing of your faith” (v2)
3. They will build your patience..... “produce patience” (v3)
4. They will make you better.....“that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (v4)

II. A New Way To Manage Your World’s Challenges

1. Ask God In Faith Believing His Way Is The Best Way

- 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him **ask in faith**, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For **let not that man suppose that he will receive anything** from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Note: James 1:12

- **v12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.**
- This assumes you **know how** to ask him(v5)
- This assumes you **have a relationship** with him..... (v5)
- This assumes **you cannot manage all your challenges alone** (“let him ask in faith...v6”)





- This assumes **you get nothing** if you don't ask in faith "he will not receive anything.") v7
- This assumes **you will be blessed** if you manage challenges in your world God's way..... (v12)

2. Don't Assume That Wealth Will Solve All Your Problems (James 1:9–20)

- 9 Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, 10 but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. 11 For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So **the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.**

Question: Have you ever fantasized that more wealth could solve everything in your life?

- I have dreamed of having more money to give
- I have dreamed of taking better care of my family
- I have dreamed of never making business mistakes
- I have dreamed and then I woke up to my world and **realized it's okay that I am not as wealthy as some people are in this season of my life**

Closing

III. Tips To Help You Manage Your World's Challenges

1. Be tough and learn to endure temptations (James 1:12-20)

- v12 Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

2. Be honest about the origin of your temptation (You are being drawn away by what you like)

- v13 **Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"**; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But **each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires** and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Note: The story about my friend, the bear hunter, that invited me to go hunting. (I was not tempted)

3. Be honest about who your source is for good things in your life ("it comes down from the Father")

- v16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and **comes down from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

3. Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath

- v19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Next Time: A courageous conversation about **the way you work**

Question: Do your works match what you say you believe?

Read Ahead: James 1:21- 2:26