

STUDYING THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

THE DEFINITION OF VARIOUS WORDS

1. **Affliction** - implies pain, suffering, or distress. It is ill treatment; the pressure of internal and external influences upon the mind, emotions, body and spirit. In the GK the word is "*kakopatheia*" from *kakos*, "evil" and *pascho*, to "suffer" is rendered suffering in Jam. 5:10. Affliction has the elements of evil, pain, agony, grief, sickness, torment, trails, and tribulations.

2. **Faith** - is a firm conviction in The Living God, producing a full acknowledgment of God's revelation of truth, with a personal surrender to Him and a conduct inspired by such surrender. Faith is belief, trust, reliance, certainty, confidence, sincerity, full persuasion.

3. **Humility** - is the quality of being humble, without pride or self-assertion. Humility is lowliness of mind. Humility possesses the qualities of self-denial, restraint, meekness, modesty, submission.

4. **Obedience** - is listening to and obeying one in authority. Those who are obedient are ready to obey, respectful, dutiful, heedful, and compliant.

5. **Patience** - is the will or ability to endure without complaint, but with calmness and self-control. Patience is "persistent perseverance" as there is abidance under trails, troubles and temptations. Patience is calmness, endurance, long-suffering, steadfastness, submission, and waiting.

6. **Prayer** - a humble and sincere communication to God, which may include, but not be limited to 1) The Acknowledgment of God's Sovereignty, 2) Praise, 3) Thanksgiving, 4) Confessions, 5) Appeals, 6) Petitions.

7. **Righteousness** - From the GK. "*dikaiosune*" is "the character or quality of being right or just"; it was formerly spelled "*rightwiseness*," which clearly expresses the meaning. Righteousness the sum total of the requirements of God (Mt. 6:33). It is whatever has been appointed by God to be acknowledged and obeyed by man (Mt. 3:15). It is Holy Moral Actions in character and conduct. It is uprightness. It is virtuous standards. It is pureness of heart.

8. **Sin - in the GK. is literally “a missing of the mark.” Sin is an act of disobedience to God’s Law. Sin is wickedness, transgressions, iniquity, ungodliness, trespasses, offenses, defilements.**

9. **Temptation - is being enticed, especially to wrong doing, through carelessness, or disobedience, or deception; or even ignorance of The Word and Will of God. Temptation is enticement, seduction, allurements, attraction, testing.**

10. **Wait - is the eager expectation for what is looked for; it suggests abiding with patience and confident expectancy; it is blended with hope, desire, trust, optimism, encouragement, assurance.**

11. **Wisdom - is the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience, understanding, etc. Included in gaining wisdom are training, learning, exposure, rationality, discernment.**

12. **Worldliness - is devotion to and focused on the affairs, pleasures and possessions of this world. There is energy in worldliness that is selfish, secular and sinister. Worldliness is Godlessness. Worldliness does**

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