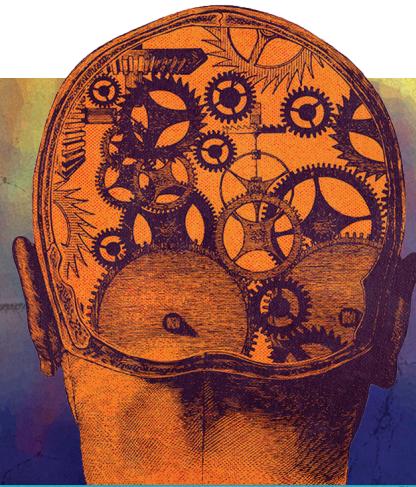


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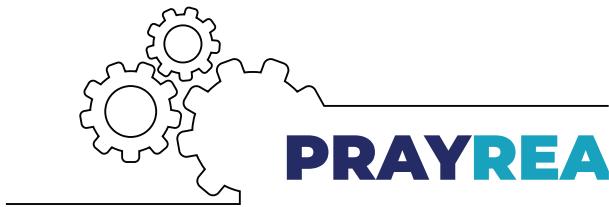
WORD TO THE WISE

Message Study Guide



PRAY READ EXPLORE: Introduction to James

Message Notes:



PRAY READ EXPLORE

1 What is your prior exposure to the book of James? What assumptions have you made about the text and its application(s)?

2 As you begin this study, start with prayer asking God to help you understand what you are reading/studying. Ask God to be generous in giving you wisdom. (Read **James 1:5**)

Write down your prayer. Consider praying this every time you read God's Word.

TIP Try to answer the questions below without reading the introduction in your study Bible. After you answer the questions go back and read the introduction. Modify your answers as needed.

3 If possible, read the entire book of James in one sitting. What are the key themes presented throughout the book?

- Chapter 1
- Chapter 2
- Chapter 3
- Chapter 4
- Chapter 5

4 Based on what you wrote about the themes above, what did you learn about the spiritual condition and the practical needs of the people James is addressing?

5 Identify the writing style or literary genre of James. Consider how James reads like a letter and contains content that sounds like Proverbs. How do these help us identify the genre?

6 Who is James? In addition to **James 1:1**, read **Matthew 13:55; Acts 12:17; 15:12-21; Galatians 1:18-19; 2:7-10**. Drawing from these passages and Danny's sermon, what do we learn about the author and his reasons for writing? Create a rough sketch of this influential church leader.

7 As you think about the overall message of James, how is the Spirit of God beginning to draw your attention toward certain topics that have relevance to your own life? Where might you need to lean in and listen?