



Welcome to the Day & Night Devotional for the book of James in the New Testament of the Bible. This letter was written by Jesus' brother, James. He wrote it to the new churches that the disciples had started across the Mediterranean at the time after Stephen was killed for being a Christian in Acts 7.

This devotional will guide you each **day** and **night** to read the given Scripture from James. Then, in a prayer to God either out loud, in your heart, or in a journal, answer the reflection questions. Use this time to turn off your phone and other distractions and enjoy God's presence. Check out what **Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)** says,

“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, ***meditating on it day and night.*** They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”

If you are reading this, then it's evident that you want to be like that tree planted along the riverbank, never withering, but instead prospering in all you do.

So, consider yourself challenged to spend just a few minutes in God's Word both day and night for the next 30 days. See what God will do in you and through you as you draw close to Him.

Day 1: James 1:1-4

Day: Why do you think James refers to himself as a servant of God? In what ways could you serve others today for the glory of God?

Night: What trials, past or present, have been a part of your story? How did you endure through them? How has God worked all things together for good for you?

Day 2: James 1:5-8

Day: What wisdom do you need for today? Ask God for discernment in all the different areas of your life now.

Night: How have you doubted God's ability to help you and relied on your own natural abilities instead? Pray that God would fill you with faith as you fall asleep tonight.

Day 3: James 1:9-11

Day: Take a moment to think about the talents, time, and treasure you possess. Pray about one way you could leverage these today to bless someone in Jesus' name.

Night: How has wealth or poverty in your family caused you to focus on the world more than Jesus? What are you holding too tightly and what is God calling you to change in the realm of money?

Day 4: James 1:12-15

Day: Take a moment to frame up your current life situations using the goodness of God as a level. Does anything seem uneven or "unfair?" Bring your questions and doubts to God knowing that He is on your side and only wants good for you. Thank Him for that now in prayer.

Night: What are your biggest temptations? How has giving into sin led to "death" in your life? Since the "crown" James is referring to is heaven, how

might that promise to believers give you strength as you fight against temptation?

Day 5: James 1:16-18

Day: Since all good things come from God, take a moment to praise Him for as many good things you can think of. How has culture shifted like a shadow and expected God to do the same?

Night: Thank God tonight that the “word of truth” (Jesus) “birthed” us into His family by dying the death we deserved on the cross. Praise Him specifically for the sin, past and present, that He has forgiven you of and be joyful that the shame is off of you.

Day 6: James 1:19-20

Day: Who do you need to do a better job of listening to today? Whenever annoyances, opinions, even injustice make you angry today, remember this verse, pray, and let the Holy Spirit guide your words if necessary.

Night: Pray tonight for your enemies. Ask God to change their hearts, and yours, drawing you both closer to Himself.

Day 7: James 1:21-25

Day: How can you be not only a “hearer,” but a “doer” of the Word today?

Night: Ask God now to give you a disgust for the “filth” and “evil” in your life and a soft heart to truths He has been speaking to you through the Bible, youth leaders, parents, and Christian friends.

Day 8: James 1:26-27

Day: Pray today for orphans and widows. Pray about ways you could visit those in need. Consider spending time at a nursing home, helping foster families or single moms in your church, or giving money toward ministries that your church supports doing this work around the world.



What Is It?

The entirety of the book of James broken up into 30 bite-sized devotions for students to study, apply, and use to spend time with God. Each day has a Scripture and reflection questions for the day and for the night before they go to bed.

Ways To Use This Resource:

- Use this devotional alongside any series you are using to get students into God's Word. You could use it alongside a series through James or any other series.
- Have this devotional available with others printed out on a Grow-On-Your-Own cart to point students, small group leaders, and one-on-one mentoring relationships to when they need a Bible reading resource along with anything else you might want to have on the cart.
- Give these "Day & Night" devotionals in your new student welcome bags or pass them out on birthdays with student's favorite candy or drink.
- Make videos of students and favorite small group leaders as they read these daily devotions on your social media accounts.
- Another creative idea you come up with!
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Blessings to you!
-Sabrina Hadro

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