



LESSON THREE:

Genuine Love

(James 2:1-13)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine religion. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Love Produces Steadfastness Without Partiality (v.1)

- A. No partiality because of the faith.
- B. No partiality because of what we hold.
- C. No partiality because of Jesus Christ.

II. Love Produces Respect Without Favoritism (vs.2-4)

- A. No favoritism because the outside means less than the inside.
- B. No favoritism because it leads to discouragement.
- C. No favoritism because it is against God's nature.

III. Love Produces Honor Without Discrimination (vs.5-7)

- A. No discrimination because it is against God's nature.
- B. No discrimination because God provides the honor and praise.
- C. No discrimination because personal accomplishments mean nothing.

IV. Love Produces Obedience Without Transgression (vs.8-11)

- A. No transgression because of the royal law.
- B. No transgression because love is the more perfect way.
- C. No transgression because we should want to obey.

V. Love Produces Mercy Without Judgment (vs.12-13)

- A. No judgment because of the law of liberty.
- B. No judgment because of our new perspective.
- C. No judgment because of God's great mercy.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine religion. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Love"