



## **LESSON ONE: Genuine Perspective** (James 1:1-11)

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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 perspective. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

- I. Christians Seek Joy In Their Trials (vs.1-2)**
  - A. We will fall into various trials.
  - B. We need to count our blessings.
  - C. We should share a message of hope.
  
- II. Christians Seek Patience In Their Testing (vs.3-4)**
  - A. Patience will take time and great effort.
  - B. Testing of our faith produces steadfastness.
  - C. Steadfastness produces maturity.
  
- III. Christians Seek Wisdom In Their Prayers (vs.5-6)**
  - A. Wisdom comes from God.
  - B. Good things come from prayer.
  - C. Doubt comes from a weak faith.
  
- IV. Christians Seek Faith In Their Spirit (vs.7-8)**
  - A. We need a spiritual awakening.
  - B. We need spiritual refreshment.
  - C. We need spiritual stability.
  
- V. Christians Seek Riches In Their Humility (vs.9-11)**
  - A. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.
  - B. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.
  - C. Material things will not provide true satisfaction.

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 perspective. Will you follow James' advice?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Perspective"**