



November 9, 2025

Today's Message

Toward Christian Maturity

Today's Main Scripture

James 5:19-20

Support Scripture

Gen 4:9

Ez 3:20-21

1 Peter 4:8

Main Point

James articulates a series of about a dozen tests and evidences of Christian maturity, and issues more than 4 dozen imperatives - commands and prohibitions - needed to move toward that maturity. He closes with the high calling to followers of Jesus Christ to be agents of restoration to brothers and sisters who are in sin.

- The Tasks
- The Test
- The Triumph

Notes:

Self Reflection/Other Direction:

To consider: "This exhortation is of a piece with the recurring New Testament theme. That evil is not overcome merely by refraining from doing it: we are to overcome evil with good. It is not enough to break a bad habit; it is essential to love Jesus more, to want eternal things more. It is not enough to retaliate against an enemy; it is essential to love one's enemy. So too, here at the end of James' epistle: it is not enough to try to be faithful ourselves: rather, it is essential to try to secure the faithfulness of others. We overcome evil with good."
(*Commentary of NT use of the OT*, Carson and Beale, ed)

1. How do you stack up against the standards James lays out?
2. Which of his tests can you begin to work on now to grow in your walk with Christ?
3. Who do you know who may need to be "rescued"? What will you do about it? Whose help do you need?

Further Study

James 1:1 - 5:20