

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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James 1:9-18

1. What does James mean by believers in humble circumstances?
 - a. I don't know.
 - b. Well, verse 10 would suggest that it is the opposite of rich...at least in the world's eyes.
 - c. It is more than just whether you have money or not, but has to do with the social position that may be associated with riches.

2. What does he tell believers in humble circumstances to do?
 - a. We should mope around like we don't have enough.
 - b. We should beg God to give us more.
 - c. We should take pride in our high position.
 - d. It seems like God and his people do not (or at least should not) look at wealth and position the same way that the world does.

3. What does James tell the rich?
 - a. Be grateful.
 - b. They should take pride in their humiliation.
 - c. What they have will ultimately be destroyed.
 - d. Those who have put their hope in riches will fade...

4. Is this a condemnation for those who have worked hard and experienced financial prosperity?
Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

5. How do you respond to financial and social "losses"? _____

6. What does verse 12 tell us about the Christian life?
 - a. We are blessed when we undergo trials.
 - b. We are blessed when we persevere under trial...

7. Who, according verse 12, will receive the crown of life?
 - a. Everybody.
 - b. People who undergo trial.
 - c. People who have stood the test, persevered under trial.
 - d. Those who love him.

8. What do verses 13-14 tell us about temptation?
 - a. God is tempting us...or testing us.
 - b. The devil is the tempter.
 - c. Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire...

9. What do verses 14-15 suggest about the relationship between temptation and sin?
 - a. They are pretty much the same thing.
 - b. Desire that allows us to be tempted must be combined with something else before "it gives birth to sin"

10. How do you handle temptation in order to avoid progression to sin and death? _____