

Questions and Challenges in James

1. Read James 4:13-17
 - Are you trusting God about the future? Are you making your own plans without remembering that God's plans (His will) are always best?
 - When things don't go as planned for you, how will you respond? How ARE you responding right now?

2. Read James 2:14
 - If you're a believer, is there evidence in your life?
 - How can you look for evidence in the life of a believer? (ex. How you treat others - parents, siblings, friends, coaches, teachers, strangers, etc)
 - Please remember that being a believer means that you are saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ as your lord and savior. There is nothing you can do or not do to save yourself - it is only Jesus who saves.

3. Read James 4:8
 - Are you "drawing near to God"? How? (ex. Prayer, reading the Bible, memorizing scripture, etc)

4. In the video, it outlines James chapter 2 about faith.
 - Is your faith genuine or is it "dead"? Do you serve others who need help? Do you obey Jesus?

5. There are several references to how we use our words in the book of James.
 - Is it difficult for you to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger"? Will you ask God to help you? (James 1:19)
 - Do you use your words to speak unkindness to or about others, but then say that you love God - the one who created all people? Will you ask God to forgive you? (James 3:9)
 - Do you judge others? Will you ask God to help you love Him and your neighbor instead? (James 3:11-12)

I hope you will take some quiet time to go through these questions and challenges to think about God and your relationship with Him. Since there are several questions and challenges here, take your time! This is not an assignment you need to hand in. This is for YOU. Here's one last challenge...

****Read one chapter of James a day for a week (you can read a chapter more than once since there are only 5)****

James teaches us that we shouldn't just be "hearers" of God's word, but also "doers" (James 1:22). We can't be either if we don't get nose to nose with God in the bible!