

Getting Your Own Answers from God

Foundation Passage: (James 1)

- I. All of the inaccuracies in our lives come from us searching our own hearts and minds for the answers when we should be searching God's word for the answers.
 - A. You must understand that the trial is not your problem. Whatever is causing the trial is your problem.
 - B. NOBODY knows your heart – your character and your real motivations – except God. He's the only one that can truly help you. And if you've been going to counseling and still haven't gotten the victory, then know that it's because you've been barking up the wrong tree.
 - C. If you really want to get the victory over your problems, then you must learn how to seek God to 1) find out what your real problem is, and 2) how to get the victory over it.

- II. (James 1:2-5) – The first thing, which you must accept, is that the way to victory over your problem is going to be a process.
 - A. It's not going to be an instant fix. It will never be an instant fix. That's why it's going to require joyful patience, because the solution will require being worked.
 - B. It will require the kind of confidence that is based on a promise at the end of the trial – to be perfect, complete, lacking nothing. This requires you believing you won't be destroyed by the trial while you go thru the process.

- III. (James 1:5-8) – The second thing, which you must go after, is that what you lack is wisdom.
 - A. It's in the wisdom of God, not the wisdom of the world or of your own thinking, that you will find the answer to your problem. God's wisdom is what will get you out of the trial. To get that wisdom, you must ask God in faith for it; and you must believe that He will freely give it to you without reproach.
 - B. This will require getting rid of all the doubt and double-mindedness that's caused you to be unstable in all your ways.

- IV. (James 1:19-25) – The third thing, which you must do, is get the word in you.
 - A. You must receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your soul. You must believe that it's the word that will give you the wisdom to overcome your trial.

- V. (James 1:19-26) – The fourth thing, which has to do with correcting yourself, is to get rid of any hindrances that have been stopping you from receiving God's wisdom.
 - A. Have you been slow to hear, swift to speak, and swift to get angry?
 - B. Is there any filthiness or overflow of wickedness that you need to lay aside?
 - C. Have you been just a hearer of the word, and not a doer, deceiving yourself?
 - D. Have you deceived your heart by having an unbridled tongue?
 - E. Ultimately, you'll find that it's one of the above that's at the root of your trial or problem.

- VI. (James 1:25) – The fifth thing, which you must continue in, is looking into the perfect law of liberty and performing it.
 - A. God's prescription for our trials will always be the word.
 - B. It's the perseverance of looking into the word and performing what you find that you get the answer and gain the wisdom to overcome the trial, once and for all.

Getting Your Own Answers from God Worksheet

(This is primarily just for you!)

1. If you are experiencing a trial or issue in your life that is recurring and causing you problems, please explain briefly what that trial is and how long it's been going on.

2. If you sought counsel for this issue, did you really do what was given to you to do, and what were the results?

3. If you didn't do what was given to you, why not?

4. Have you been praying and seeking God about the problem? If not, why not?

5. If so, have any scriptures come up when you pray about it? If they have, which ones?

6. How much time a day do you spend praying in tongues? 1 hr 30min 15min 0-5min

7. How much time a day do you spend reading your Bible? 1 hr 30min 15min 0-5min

8. Have you been quick to get angry? Yes No

9. Is there any filthiness or wickedness that you need to lay aside? Yes No

10. Have you been just a hearer of the word, and not a doer? Yes No

11. Do you have an unbridled tongue? Yes No

12. Why do you think you're still experiencing this trial?

13. What do you believe it will take for you to overcome this trial?

14. What Scriptures support your belief?

15. What are you going to do about it? What steps are you taking to overcome the trial?
