Discovering the Treasures of the Word

<u>James</u> Lesson #1, Introduction to the Book

Read through the book of James two times before answering the questions below. It's important to take the time to read through the whole book before beginning this lesson. Ask the Lord to help you maintain interest and diligence.

Using only the text of James, try to answer the following questions. Be sure to note the Scripture references to show where you found your answer from the Bible. *At this point in the lesson you may not be able to answer every question using only your Bible.* You will have an opportunity at the end of this lesson to come back and complete your answers using other Bible study sources.

- 1. Who wrote the book?
- 2. To whom was it written?
- 3. When was it written?
- 4. Where was it written?
- 5. What's the general tone of the author in the book?
- 6. What's the author's purpose in writing this book?

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- 7. What topics are included in this book?
- 8. What are the key words of the book? Key words are words that are repeated or carry an important thought.
- 9. What are the main themes of the book? A theme is the main idea, the overall message.
- 10. List 5 attributes of God that you see in this book. Attributes are those characteristics or qualities that are true of Him. They describe who He is.
- 11. List as many attributes of Christ that you can find in this book.

Now you can go back and add to your answers above using a Bible dictionary or Bible commentary.

- 12. What insights have you gained thus far into the book of James?
- 13. What's one verse in the book that has caught your attention? How did it encourage or convict you, or make you want to study and think about it more?