

James – How to Response in Trials

James 1:19-21

Get a Grip

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Proverbs 14:29

Proverbs 15:18

Proverbs 16:32

Psalm 103:8

Psalm 145:8

Genesis 1:27

Matthew 5:22

Romans 8:29

Romans 12:2

Filthiness

filthiness – dirty, defiled

Galatians 5:9

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

Leviticus 13:45-46, 52

Leviticus 14:8-9

Leviticus 15:1-2

Leviticus 15:4-5

Leviticus 15:31

Ephesians 5:26-27

John 13:5

John 7:37-39

Implanted Word

Psalm 119:11

Deuteronomy 8:3

Acts 17:11

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Meekness is therefore an active and deliberate acceptance of undesirable circumstances that are wisely seen by the individual as only part of a larger picture. Meekness is not a resignation to fate, a passive and reluctant submission to events, for there is little virtue in such a response. Nevertheless, since the two responses — resignation and meekness are externally often indistinguishable, it is easy to see how what was once perceived as a virtue has become a defect in contemporary society. The patient and hopeful endurance of undesirable circumstances identifies the person as externally vulnerable and weak but inwardly resilient and strong. Meekness does not identify the weak but more precisely the strong who have been placed in a position of weakness where they persevere without giving up. The use of the Greek word when applied to animals makes this clear, for it means "tame" when applied to wild animals. In other words, such animals have not lost their strength but have learned to control the destructive instincts that prevent them from living in harmony with others.

Matthew 5:5

2 Timothy 4:6

Philippians 4:4-5