

The background of the slide is a detailed illustration of a stone castle. The wall is made of dark grey stones with a crenelated top. In the foreground, there's a courtyard with several tents made of brown and blue fabric. A table in the center is set with various food items, including bread, fruit, and jars. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

THE EPISTLE OF **J**ames

Doers of the Word

James 1:16-27

Main Sections in the Epistle of James

(From Sermon #1: Introduction to James)

- Endurance in hardship
- **Responsible Christian Living** (← we are here)
- Practice what you preach
- Living together in harmony

I. Spiritual Growth Requires Humility (James 1:16-18)

- ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.
- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

II. Spiritual Growth Requires Responsibility (James 1:19-21)

- ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;
- 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

III. Spiritual Growth Requires “Doing” (James 1:22-25)

- ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
- ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
- ²⁵ But the one who looks into **the perfect law, the law of liberty**, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

God's Perfect Law: Psalm 19:7

- “The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple

IV. Examples of Doing (James 1:22-25)

- ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
- ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Let Us Pray

