

Rules for Life

If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. James 1:5

When down-and-outers get a break, cheer! James 1:9

Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. James 1:19

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! James 1:22

Religion . . . is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless . . . and guard against corruption from the godless world. James 1:27

This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. James 2:5

Love others as you love yourself. James 2:8

Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense? James 2:17

A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything — or destroy it! James 3:5

Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. James 3:13

Rel wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. James 3:17

If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and His way. James 4:4

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1 **S**o let God work His will in you. Yell a loud no to the devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and He'll be there in no time. James 4:7-8

Quit dabbling in sin. James 4:8

Purify your inner life. James 4:8

2 **D**on't bad-mouth each other. James 4:11

Make it a habit to say, "If the Master wills it and we're still alive, we'll do this or that. James 4:15

3 **I**f you know the right thing to do and don't do it, that, for you, is evil [sin]. James 4:17

4 **W**ait patiently for the Master's Arrival. James 5:7

Friends, don't complain about each other. James 5:9

God cares, cares right down to the last detail. James 5:11

5 **A**re you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. James 5:13

6 **C**onfess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. James 5:16a

The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. James 5:16b

7 **I**f you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. James 5:19

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