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Matthew 7:5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Matthew 18:12 "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

- ¹³ "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.
- ¹⁴ "Thus it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.
- ¹⁵ "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- ¹⁶ "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.
- ¹⁷ And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.
- ¹⁸ "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- ¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.
- ²⁰ "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."
- ²¹ Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
- ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

- ² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
- 2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged.
- ²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,
- ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

How to Trust God and Love One Another in tough times

- 1. Rejoice James 1:2-4
- ² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
- ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
- ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- 2. Ask for wisdom James 1:5-8
- ⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

3. Have an eternal perspective James 1:9-12

⁹ But let the brother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

...¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

4. Beware of the danger of lust James 1:13-15

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

5. Do the Word James 1:16-27

²¹ Therefore putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

6. Stop the favoritism James 2:1-11

- ¹ My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism.
- ² For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,
- ³ and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"
- ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

7. Be merciful James 2:12-26

- ¹² So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by *the* law of liberty.
- ¹³ For judgment *will be* merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.
- ¹⁴ What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,
- ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?
- ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

8. Bridle the tongue James 3:1-12

- ² For we all stumble in many *ways*. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.
- ³ Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.
- ⁴ Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

9. Be humble James 3:13-18

- ¹³ Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

10. Stop the adultery James 4:1-10

- ¹What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?
- ² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.
- ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.
- ⁴ You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

11. Stop being judgmental James 4:11-12

- ¹¹ Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge *of it*.
- There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

12. Stop procrastinating James 4:13-17

- ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
- ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."
- ¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.
- ¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

13. Be generous James 5:1-6

- ¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.
- ² Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.
- ³ Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

14. Be patient James 5:7-11

- ⁷ Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.
- ⁸ You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- ⁹ Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

15. Be honest James 5:12

¹² But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment.

16. Pray James 5:13-18

- ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises.
- ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

17. **Interfere** James 5:19-20

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