

“James Introduction” James 1:1

There are three types of unbelievers: the religious unbeliever; the Antinomian or lawless unbeliever and the Divine Establishment unbeliever and there are three types of believers: the ignorant believer; the arrogant believer and the winner believer. Failure does not keep us from attaining spiritual growth anywhere near as much as discouragement does.

Four keys to success in the Christian life include: staying focused, avoiding distractions, recovering quickly when we fail and then keeping on with forward momentum. There are four basic systems of human perception or learning: rationalism which is acquired knowledge through human reasoning; empiricism which is reality based on our senses; what we see, hear, touch, taste or smell; intuition which is based on what we feel is true and faith which is reality based on having confidence in the authority and integrity of another as the worthy object of our faith expression. God the Father is the Planner; the Lord Jesus Christ is the Executor and the Holy Spirit is the Revealer of the plan of God and an acceptable expression of faith in Them is nothing more than a recognition of the following propositions: God exists, He reveals Himself, He makes sense, He has a specific plan for His creation, we are the object of His plan and as such, we owe Him a listening ear. And to graciously see us through, God’s plan of living grace for his own provides: daily life support, daily temporal supply. daily security provision and daily spiritual provision. The greatest problem for an unconventional pastor-teacher today who seeks to challenge his congregation to advanced spiritual growth is the self-imposed mental blockade of the conventional believer who just wants to be coddled. The book of James is an encouragement to believers in Jesus Christ to fully experience a faith-based life. *James* emphasizes faith, not simply as an aspect of our lives or even something we practice with other believers at church; faith is who and what we are all about as Christians! All things will become spiritual for us when we pursue God and His intent for our lives.