

# The Survival Toolkit

## Surviving the Challenges of Life

### *The Book of James*

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*Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.  
But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

— James 1:21b-22 NKJV

## FIVE ESSENTIALS FROM JAMES

### CHAPTER ONE: Surviving Trials

#### Four Facts that Enable You to Face Trials

1. Trials are inevitable.
2. Trials are unpredictable.
3. Trials multiply.
4. Trials are purposeful.

#### Three Purposes of Trials

1. They help to develop faith.
2. They help to develop patience.
3. They help to develop character.

### CHAPTER TWO: Surviving A Church Fight

#### James Deals with Five Love Busters

1. Appearance
2. Ancestry
3. Age
4. Achievement
5. Affluence

#### Christian Love Is

1. Acceptance
2. Appreciation
3. Affirmation

## CHAPTER THREE: Surviving Hoof and Mouth Disease

### The Tongue Problem

1. The tongue directs where I go.
2. The tongue can destroy what I have.
3. The tongue displays who I am.

### Harnessing the Tongue

1. Drop all bitterness.
2. Develop a positive mindset.
3. Develop a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

### CHAPTER FOUR: Surviving Worldliness

#### Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

1. Yield to His grace.
2. Abandon bitterness.
3. Belt out praise.
4. Walk in obedience.

### CHAPTER FIVE: Surviving and Thriving Until He Returns

#### Surviving Money Problems

1. Money is to be invested.
2. Money is to be worked for.
3. Money is to be budgeted.
4. Money is to be given.

#### Thriving in Prayer By

1. Constancy.
2. Fervency.
3. Persistency.
4. Faith.

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