



# NO NONSENSE CHRISTIANITY

## Life Group Notes – Part 1 (Tweets on Maturity)

- Why do you think James refers to himself as “a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ” and not as ‘Jesus half-brother’ or ‘a pillar of the church’ as Paul refers to him in Galatians 2:9?
- What was the first mark of maturity found in 1:2-4? How do you normally respond when trouble comes?
- How does James say we should respond to trouble and what will be the result? (See also Romans 5:1-5 & 1 Peter 1:3-9)
- What was the second mark of maturity found in James 2:8? Why does James refer to it as ‘the royal law’?
- Look again at the story of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-40), what specific actions does Jesus advocate? Who might these actions apply to today? (Try to be specific in your answers, how can we be more mindful of our neighbour both individually and as a church?)
- What is the third mark of maturity found in James 3:2? Is anyone perfect?
- Look at the illustrations James uses in 3:3-5, what is James trying to tell us?
- Read Ephesians 4:29, what are some examples of unwholesome talk? How can we use what we say to build others up?
- Do you think James’ words in 1:26 are overly harsh? Why/Why not?
- What was the fourth test of maturity found in James 4:1? Are there any examples of conflict in your life presently?
- What are the two causes of conflict that James offers in Chapter 4 (4:3 & 4:11-12), do you recognise these causes in your own life?
- What was the fifth test of maturity found in chapter 5? (5:7, 5:11 & 5:16)
- What does James say is the result of patience? How can we learn to be more patient with God?
- Which of the 5 marks of maturity did you find most challenging and why?