

Apologetics 101 Inductive Bible Study Worksheet An inductive Bible study involves deductive reasoning (the process of reasoning from one or more statements (premises) to reach a logically certain conclusion) it typically takes three steps in the process: observation, interpretation, and application. An inductive study is seeking to supply strong evidence for the truth of the conclusion. Select any scripture from today's lesson and follow all the steps listed in this worksheet.

## I. OBSERVATION

**Chosen Scripture:** James 1:17 NLT

**Author:** James the brother of Jesus (James the Just)

**Audience:** Jewish Christians (the twelve tribes)

**What is happening:** The gifts God gives us are never changing because God doesn't change, He is the same today, yesterday, and forever.

**Where is this happening:** Outside Israel

**When is this happening:** Sometime before AD 69 and AD 62

**Why is this happening:** To educate the people that every good thing is from God and that will never change.

**How is this happening:** James is preaching

**What does the passage say?** (Make lists, identify: contrasts, promises, & commands)

### General Observations/Significance

- **Contrast:** God and His gift(s) will never change
- **Promise:** Every *perfect* gift comes from Heaven
- **Commands:** The "shadow of variation" will not become even to the slightest degree different.

Ask lots of questions of the passage

### Questions/Findings

- **How do we lose a gift(s) from God?** We lose gift(s) from God by not stewarding what he has given us and acting in rebellion.
- **How to gain more gift(s) from God:** We can gain more gift(s) by obeying God.

### RECORD YOUR KEYWORDS

(What are the words and phrases that stood out to me)

**Key Word** [ Words from the Chapter of Jude 3 NLT]

- **Descends:** Move or fall downward

- **Shadow:** A dark area or shape produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface.
- **Variation:** A change or difference in condition, amount, or level, typically with certain limits.

## **Inductive Bible Study Worksheet II. INTERPRETATION**

**Record the context of the passage. How do the verses before and after the passage help you understand the passage?** The chapter adds on another layer of maturity by our communicating skills with one another and how our hearts our when we talk to God and ask Him for blessings, miracles, promises out of the bible, etc. The quality and contents of our speech also reveals how much we have let godly wisdom truly mature in us.

**What is the overall theme of this chapter?** The overall meaning of this chapter is that If we die to ourselves daily then we will be able to show a glimpse of the sacrificial love Jesus so greatly displayed for us on the cross.

**What does it mean?** James is preaching to the people that just as Jesus is loyal to us, we need/should be loyal to Him.

**Record your summary of the meaning in this passage?** The overall value of the 3rd chapter of James is to seek after God in loyalty, ask Him things such as wisdom with a pure heart, and truly surrender yourself to be content and thankful for what God has sacrificed for you to have and enjoy while you're on this earth.

## **III. APPLICATION**

**What does this passage mean to me?** In chapter 3 verses 5 and 6 in the NLT translation scripture says, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Don not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is a unsettled as a was of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind." I loved this part about how we go into his presence. God is not a genie, He will not grant you your every wish. But if what you ask for will further the kingdom of God such as asking for wisdom then we must expect to gain not the wisdom of man but of God with ultimate pure motives that will be used. We cannot be divided in our heart, longing for heavenly council but maybe also taking part in sin or desiring earthly treasures. We must come with true clean intentions when unto the Father.

**How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ?** I will apply this to my walk by entering in the presence of God with a pure heart and pure intentions.