

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Epistle of James

Course Lecturer: Stuart E. Lease, DD
Former President of Lancaster Bible College

Course Description

Written to offer encouragement to those facing trials, James' rich message has long stimulated in-depth study. Students begin with an overview of epistles in general before examining the historical background to the epistle of James. Lease then takes them on a line-by-line exegesis of the text's teaching, culminating with the privilege of intercession for others and showing why we should rejoice in our trials knowing that God is molding us for His greater purpose.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Grasp the message of the book of James.
- Understand the theological implications of the book.
- Articulate the relationship between faith and works.
- Express the importance of struggle in one's faith development.
- Recognize the dangers and benefits of use of the tongue.
- Apply the book's message to life and ministry.

Course Lecturer



Stuart E. Lease, DD (1930-2004)

Education:

- Lancaster Bible College, DD
- Boston University, MA
- Gordon College, AB
- Lancaster Bible College, BA

Teaching Career:

- President, Lancaster Bible College (1961-1979)—During his time at Lancaster Bible College, enrollment rose from less than 100 to more than 450, the number of full-time faculty more than tripled, and the library grew tenfold.
- Dean, Lancaster Bible College

- Professor, Lancaster Bible College
- Teacher for the Moody Bible Institute Courses of Study with the Good Life Bible Institute

Other Career Highlights:

- President, Scripture-Centered Ministries
- Pastor at various churches in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania
- Minister with Kirby Smith Associates, a ministry focused on church finances
- Various capacities, including Bible speaker, ministry leader, and noted author with Good Life Ministries for more than 20 years
- Pastor for Swedish Covenant Church made up of Swedish immigrants, and served as pastor for an Armenian Congregation

Publications:

- Hundreds of recorded teachings and various books authored
- Good Life Ministries has compiled and published more than 400 of his recordings into 52 books.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Assessment and Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 24 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.