

## Receive Divine Truth

James 1:19-27<sup>1</sup>

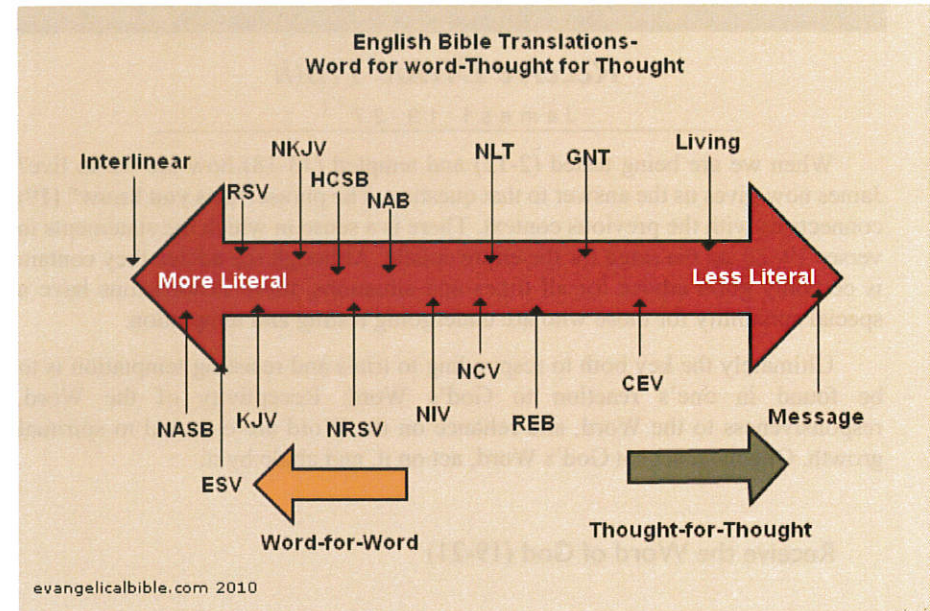
When we are being tested (2-12) and tempted (13-18) how are we to live? James now gives us the answer to that question. The phrase **“this you know” (19)** connects us with the previous context. There is a sense in which the statements in verses 19–20 set the stage for the entire epistle. Although the advice they contain is certainly good advice for all times and situations, these exhortations have a special suitability for those who are undergoing testing and temptation.

Ultimately the key both to responding to trials and resisting temptation is to be found in one’s reaction to God’s Word. Receptivity of the Word, responsiveness to the Word, and reliance on the Word are essential to spiritual growth. One must accept God’s Word, act on it, and abide by it.

Receive the Word of God (19-21)

Respond to the Word of God (22-25)

Rely on the Word of God (26-27)



### ABBREVIATIONS

CEV	Contemporary English Version
ESV	English Standard Version
GNT	Good News Translation
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
KJV	King James Version
NAB	New American Bible
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NIV	New International Version
NKJV	New King James Version
NLT	New Living Translation
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
REB	Revised English Bible
RSV	Revised Standard Version

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<sup>2</sup> GracePoint preaching employs the New American Standard Bible. You are encouraged to obtain and use the NASB version.