

James: Actually Living the Life of Faith - Part 2
Chapter 1, verse 1-8

The gospel was spread through the testimony of an _____.

•**1Corinthians 2:1** When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Two key ingredients of Maturity:
Perseverance and Wisdom

I. Perseverance

A. Perseverance is created by experiencing _____.

**The story of Elijah's long run: 1 Kings 19:1-8.*

B. What we need most is to **persevere in our relationship with the _____.**

PERSEVERANCE DECLARATION

“Regardless of how many times I’ve given up on important things in the past, giving up on the Lord is no longer an option. I will let perseverance do its full work in me and persevere in God’s perfect will for my life.”

II. Wisdom

WISDOM: The ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding

A. **Wisdom starts** with the _____ of the Lord.

•**Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

B. **Wisdom grows** through _____,

C. James warns us that the default alternative to wisdom is _____-mindedness.

•**James 4:8** Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.