

James

I. The Believer and Suffering (Chap. 1)

- A. The perfect work: God's purpose (1:1-12)
- B. The perfect gift: God's goodness (1:13-20)
- C. The perfect law: God's Word (1:21-27)

II. The Believer and Service (Chap. 2)

- A. Faith proved by love (2:1-13)
- B. Faith proved by works (2:14-26)

III. The Believer and Speech (Chap. 3)

- A. The exhortation (3:1-2)
- B. The illustrations (3:3-12)
- C. The application: true wisdom (3:13-18)

IV. The Believer and Separation (Chap. 4)

- A. The enemies we must fight (4:1-7)
 - 1. The flesh (1-3)
 - 2. The world (4-5)
 - 3. The devil (6-7)
- B. The admonitions we must heed (4:8-17)
 - 1. Warning against pride (8-10)
 - 2. Warning against criticism (11-12)
 - 3. Warning against self-confidence (13-17)

V. The Believer and the Second Coming (Chap. 5)

- A. Patient when wronged (5:1-11)
- B. Pure in speech (5:12)
- C. Prayerful in trials (5:13-18)
- D. Persistent in soul-winning (5:19-20)

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Faith . . .	<i>When stretched it doesn't break</i>	<i>When pressed it doesn't fail</i>	<i>When expressed it doesn't explode</i>	<i>When distressed it doesn't panic</i>
Deeds . . .	<i>Authentic stability</i>	<i>Authentic love</i>	<i>Authentic control and humility</i>	<i>Authentic patience</i>
	<u>Greeting</u> <u>Trials</u> <u>Temptation</u> <u>Response to Scripture</u>	<u>Partiality and prejudice</u> <u>Indifference and mere intellectualism</u> <u>Obedience and action</u>	<u>The tongue</u> <u>The heart</u> <u>The will</u>	<u>Money matters</u> <u>Sickness</u> <u>Carnality and correction</u>
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTERS 3-4	CHAPTER 5
Background	<i>The difficulties of life caused the scattered saints to drift spiritually, leading to all forms of problems—unbridled speech, wrong attitudes, doubt, strife, carnality, shallow faith.</i>			
Characteristics	<i>"The Proverbs of the New Testament," James contains many practical, straightforward exhortations. Emphasis is on importance of balancing right belief with right behavior. Many Old Testament word pictures and references.</i>			
Main Theme	Real faith produces authentic deeds.			
Key Verse	"Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself." (2:17)			