

James

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JAMES				
Faith	When stretched, it doesn't break.	When pressed, it doesn't fail.	When expressed, it doesn't explode.	When distressed, it doesn't panic.
Deeds	Authentic stability	Authentic love	Authentic control and humility	Authentic patience
	Greeting	Partiality and prejudice	The tongue	Money matters
	Trials	Indifference and mere intellectualism	The heart	Sickness
	Temptation	Obedience and action	The will	Carnality and correction
	Response to Scripture			
	CHAPTER 1	CHAPTER 2	CHAPTERS 3-4	CHAPTER 5
Background	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.			
Characteristics	"The Proverbs of the New Testament," James contains many practical, straightforward exhortations. Emphasis is on importance of balancing right belief with right behavior. The book has many Old Testament word pictures and references.			
Theme	Real faith produces authentic deeds.			
Key Verse	2:17			
Christ in James	Jesus is the glorious Lord, who inspires true faith and authentic works (2:1, 14-26).			
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James 3:1-5a ¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

- What does it mean to stumble?
- What does it tell us that a person who does not stumble in word is in control of his whole body?
- Who is controlling the horse, the ship, our tongue?

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James 3:5-8 ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

- How much fire is required to cause damage?
- What is the significance of mentioning the fires of hell here?
- Is it possible to tame all animals of the earth?

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James 3:9-12 ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

- Why discuss the opposites of fresh and salt water and plants growing the wrong fruit?
- What is the significance of stating that the salt pond cannot yield fresh water?
- How many times does the Bible warn against the tongue and heart?
- What ways do we display our true heart other than our tongue, speak?
- Who are these warnings directed to in the first 12 verses?

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Ideas,
Thoughts,
Comments?

Thank You!



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