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	JAMES			
Fait	h When stretched, it doesn't break.	When pressed, it doesn't fail.	When expressed, it doesn't explode.	When distressed, it doesn't panic.
Deed	Authentic stability	Authentic love	Authentic control and humility	Authentic patience
	Greeting Trials Temptation Response to Scripture CHAPTER	Partiality and prejudice Indifference and mere intellectualism Obedience and action  CHAPTER	The tongue The heart The will CHAPTERS	Money matters Sickness Camality and correction CHAPTER
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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 2:1-4 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place", while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

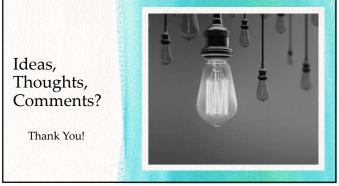
- What is partiality/favoritism/respect of person?
- What becomes evident by treating the two men differently?
- Even in Deuteronomy, not showing partiality was discussed. How did the Jews miss this?
- What is the definition of rich poor in this scripture?

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James 2:5-7 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

- How do we know that Jesus was on the side of the poor?
- Is God partial to the poor over the rich?
- For what reason did God choose the poor?
- Is partiality always sinful?

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