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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	Partiality and prejudice	The tongue	Money matters
	Trials	Indifference and	The heart	Sickness
	Temptation	mere intellectualism	The will	Carnality and correction
	Response to Scripture	Obedience and action		
	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).			

James ending last week.

• What is the difference between patience, endurance, steadfastness, and perseverance?

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James 1:4-5 ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.	 What does it mean to be perfect and complete? What does it mean to lack in nothing? What is the difference between knowing and wisdom? How do we gain wisdom?	
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James 1:6-8 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is		
like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways.	What does it mean to doubt? What does it mean to be double-minded?	
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James 1:9-11 °Let the lowly brother boast in his evaltation, ¹¹ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty	What is the definition of boast. What does it mean for the poor to boast in his exaltation and rich in his humiliation? What are the pursuits that will fade?	
perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.		

