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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
Background	Trials Temptation Response to Scripture CHAPTER 1 The difficulties o	Partiality and prejudice Indifference and mere intellectualism Obedience and action CHAPTER 2	The tongue The heart The will CHAPTERS 3-4 hts to drift spiritually, lead	Money matters Sickness Carnality and correction CHAPTER 5 ling to all forms
Characteristics	of problems—unbridled speech, wrong attitudes, doubt, attife, carnality, shallow faith. "The Proverbs of the New Testament," James contains many practical, straightforward exhortations. Emphasis is on importance of balancing right belief with right behavior.			
Theme	The book has many Old Testament word pictures and references. 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 5:12 ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

- Is James referring to profane speech?
- · Why do people swear oaths?
- What is involved when we swear to God?
- Are all oaths involving God wrong?
- Why is James telling this to a church?

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James 5:13-16 ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

- How might these people be suffering?
- What type of sickness is James discussing here?
- What do elders offer in prayer that others don't?
- · What is anointing and why with oil?
- Does the prayer of faith always heal?
- Why confess to others for healing?

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