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	JAMES			
Fait	th 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
	Trials Temptation Response to Scripture CHAPTER	Partiality and prejudice Indifference and mere intellectualism Obedience and action CHAPTER	The tongue The heart The will CHAPTERS 3-4	Money matters Sickness Carnality and correction CHAPTER
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 1:12 ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

- What is the crown of Life?
- \bullet For whom is the promise?

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James 1:13-15 ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

- What is the origin of temptation?
- How does temptation work?
- Where does man typically place the blame when he falls to temptation?

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James 1:16-18 ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

- How are we deceived?
- What is the meaning of Father of Heavenly lights that does not change like shifting shadows?
- What does it mean to be the first fruits of all He created?

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