

# Book of James Overview

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# The Notecard

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Author:  
James

Theme: The evidence of  
faith is good works

Chapters:  
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Outline:

- I. Testing Faith (Chap 1 & 2)
- II. Faith tested by the tongue (Chap 3)
- III. Rebuke of worldliness (Chap 4)
- IV. Warning to the rich (5:1 - 6)
- V. Exhortation (5:7 - 20)

Anchor verse: James 2:26

# Outline

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- I. Testing Faith (Chap 1 & 2)
  - A. **Character (1:1 – 18)**
  - B. **Hearing and Doing (1:19 – 27)**
  - C. **Respect of persons (2:1 – 13)**
  - D. **Evidence of faith (2:14 – 26)**
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# Anchor Verse

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James 2:26 – For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Jas 2:15-16 – If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup>And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

## Chapter 3 – Taming the Tongue

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James 3:2 – For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

James 3:3-4 – Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup>Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

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That huge horse can be controlled with a small piece of metal and a leather strap.



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James 3:5-6

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Matthew 15:11

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

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James 9,11-12

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

<sup>11</sup>Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? <sup>12</sup>Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

James 3:10

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

# Conclusion

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- ▶ People should be able to see your faith through your works.
- ▶ People should be able to hear Christ in your words.