

An Outline of James

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- I. The opening: a greeting and “double introduction” (1:1–27)
 - A. Greeting (1:1)
 - B. Introductory subjects: part 1 (1:2–11)
 - 1. About **trials**: the earthly value of enduring trials (2–4)
 - 2. About **wisdom**: the way to gain wisdom—prayer (5–8)
 - 3. About **wealth**: be content in your poverty (9–11)
 - C. Introductory subjects: part 2 (1:12–27)
 - 1. About **trials**: the eternal value of enduring trials (12)
 - 2. About **temptations**: the true and false sources of temptations (13–18)
 - a. What your passions produce (13–15)
 - b. What God gives (16–18)
 - 3. About **genuine Christianity**: Be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (19–27)
 - a. Foundational commitments (19)
 - b. Important elaborations (20–27)
 - 1) About being ‘slow to anger’ (20)
 - 2) About being ‘quick to hear’ (21–25)
 - 3) About being ‘slow to speak’ (26–27)
- II. The body (2:1–5:18)
 - A. More about **wealth** (2:1–13)
 - B. More about **genuine Christianity** (2:14–3:12)
 - 1. The necessity of good works (2:14–26)
 - 2. The necessity of sound speech (3:1–12)
 - C. More about **wisdom** (3:13–18)
 - D. More about **temptations** (4:1–3)
 - E. More about **genuine Christianity** (4:4–17)
 - 1. Avoid friendship with the world (4–5)
 - 2. Avoid pride (6–10)
 - 3. Avoid speaking evil against others (11–12)
 - 4. Avoid presumption (13–17)
 - F. More about **wealth** (5:1–6)
- III. The closing: a triple conclusion (5:7–20)
 - A. Be patient (7–12)
 - B. Pray (13–18)
 - C. Rescue others (19–20)

