

**:: James ::
"Authenticated Faith"**

<p>The Elements of Practical Christian living focusing on enduring through trials, the source of temptation, and the importance of reading and applying the Scriptures</p> <p align="center">1</p>	<p>The sin of partiality and the consequences of special preference to the affluent. The practical outpouring of the Christian life upon those in genuine need resulting in an authenticated faith that shows to the world around us.</p> <p align="center">2</p>	<p>Controlling the tongue and learning to live in congruence with what we say we believe. The importance of Godly wisdom being evidenced in our midst to promote unity together.</p> <p align="center">3</p>	<p>The introduction to the necessity of Christ being on the throne of our lives. The source of quarrels, selfishness, that result in arrogance spirituality. The need to humble ourselves to allow God to reign in our lives and lead us into obedience to His will.</p> <p align="center">4</p>	<p>Life as stewards of the riches that God has entrusted to us. The role of prayer in the obedient life and the restoration often needed when we stray from obedience. The reminder for us to be an aid to those that have stumbled from Authentic Faith.</p> <p align="center">5</p>
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<p align="center">Faith and Deeds Orthodoxy & Orthopraxy</p>			<p align="center">Who is in control of your life? :: God or Self ::</p>	
Trials	Prejudice	Speech	Conflicts	Money
Personal Maturity	Love for Others	Blessing of Others	Peace with Others	Service of Others
Acceptance from God	Faith in God	Wisdom from God	Submission to God	Prayer to God
<p>1:2-4 Trials 1:13-15 Temptations 1:22-25 Doer of the Word 1:27 Caring for those in need</p>	<p>2:1-13 Favoritism 2:14-17 Faith in Action 2:18-26 Faith and Deeds</p>	<p>3:1 Standards for teachers 3:5-12 The Tongue 3:13-18 Importance of Relationships</p>	<p>4:1-6 The Danger of Ego 4:7-10 Blessing to the Humble 4:11-17 The Submitted Life (Seeking God's Will)</p>	<p>5:1-12 Life as a Steward 5:13-18 Prayer for the Spiritually Sick 5:19-20 Final Admonition</p>

Author :: James (Half Brother of Jesus)
Date :: A.D. 45-50
Audience :: 12 Tribes Dispersed Abroad
 Jewish believers scattered due to persecution.
 The *διασπορά* :: the scattered & dispersed
Intent :: James is concerned with the practical aspects of Christian conduct focusing on the authentication of true faith. His message focuses on a continuation of The Sermon on the Mount.

Key Thoughts ::

- ** by far the least theological book in the New Testament
- ** Nearly one of every two statements is an imperative command
- ** James refers to over 20 Old Testament books, as well as several Old Testament Characters (Abraham, Rahab, Job, Elijah as well as the Ten Commandments and the Law of Moses)
- ** Often accused of being anti-pauline, this epistle is no more anti-pauline than the Sermon on the Mount