

James only 5 chapters long.

Written by brother of Jesus, James the Just, leader of the church in Jerusalem

To: the church (the twelve tribes) in the Disapora (people who moved from Jerusalem because of persecution).

Called “the epistle of straw” by Martin Luther. **Read James 2:14-18.**

Why do you think me might have said this? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Match:

Chapter 1 Theme or important point:

a. Good deeds

Chapter 2 Theme or important point:

b. the Tongue

Chapter 3 Theme or important point:

c. Desire

Chapter 4 Theme or important point:

d. Rich People

Chapter 5 Theme or important point:

e. Testing & endurance

Complete the following verses:

1:19-20 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to _____, slow to _____, _____ to anger, for your _____ does not produce God's _____.

1:22 But be _____ of the word, and not merely _____ who _____ themselves.

2:17 _____ by itself, if it has no _____, is _____.

4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. _____ the devil and he wil _____ from you. Draw _____ to God and God will draw _____ to you.

Structural Diagram of The Epistle of James (by Peter Davies, *New International Greek Testament Commentary*, Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1982.)

I. Double Opening Statement (1:2-2:27)

1. First Segment Testing Produces Joy (1:2-4)

Wisdom through Prayer (1:5-8)

Poverty Excels Wealth (1:9-11)

2. Second Segment Testing Produces Blessedness (1:12-18)

Pure Speech Contains No Anger (1:19-21)

Obedience Requires Generosity (1:22-25)

[Summary and Transition] (1:26-27)

II. Body (2:1-5:6)

The Demand for Pure Speech (3:1-4:12)

The Excellence of Poverty and Generosity (2:1-26)

Testing through Wealth (4:13-5:6)

III. Closing Statement (5:7-20)

Endurance in the Test (5:7-11) (summary of the three major themes)

Rejection of Oaths (5:12)

Helping One Another through Prayer and Forgiveness (5:13-18)

Closing Encouragement (5:19-20)

