

The Structure of the Book of James

- I. **Wisdom 1: Remain Steadfast Under Trials (1:1–18)**
- II. **Wisdom 2: Be a Hearer and Doer of the Word (1:19–27)**
- III. **Wisdom 3: Don't Show Partiality (2:1–13)**
- IV. **Wisdom 4: Faith Without Works Is Dead (2:14–26)**
- V. **Wisdom 5: Watch What You Say (3:1–12)**
- VI. **Wisdom 6: Walk in the Meekness of Wisdom (3:13–18)**
- VII. **Wisdom 7: Do Not Let the Passions of Your Flesh Win (4:1–12)**
- VIII. **Wisdom 8: Do Not Boast About Tomorrow (4:13–17)**
- IX. **Wisdom 9: Be Fair to Those Who Work for You (5:1–6)**
- X. **Wisdom 10: Be Patient in Suffering (5:7–12)**
- XI. **Wisdom 11: Be Earnest in Prayer (5:13–20)**

Main Theme: Wisdom from Above

Major Themes

- 1. Wisdom
- 2. Prayer
- 3. Faith and Works
- 4. Patience
- 5. Speech

Key Text

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. —James 1:17–18