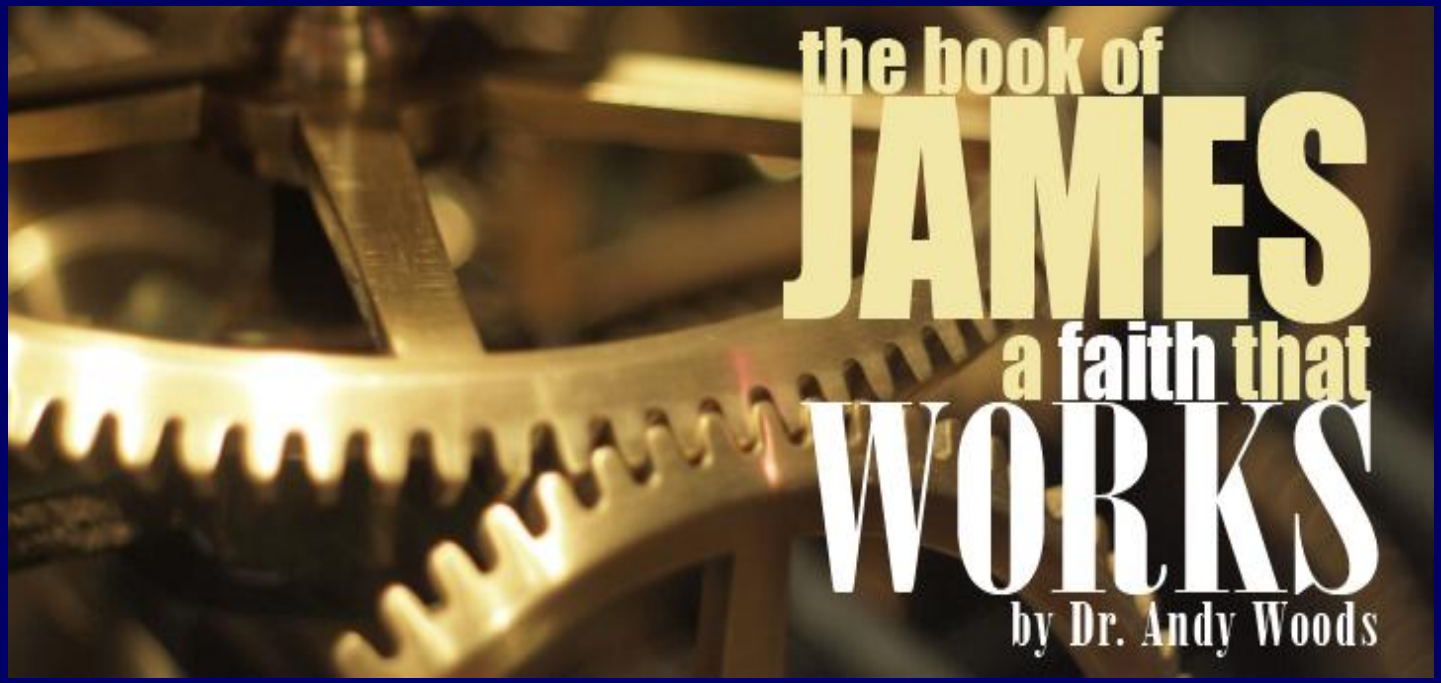
PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS





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Answering Eleven Questions

1) Who wrote it? – **James**
2) What do we know about the author? – **Christ's ½ Brother**
3) Who was the audience? – **Believing Jews in the Diaspora**
4) Where was if written from? – **Jerusalem**
5) When was the book written? – **A.D. 44–47**
6) What was the book's occasion? – **Practical righteousness**
7) What is the book's purpose? – **Achieving practical righteousness**
8) What is the book about? – **Practical righteousness**
9) What is the book's theme? – **Daily living**
10) What makes the book different? – **Practicality**
11) How is the book organized? – **Faith and Wisdom**

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  - Favoritism (2:1-13)
  - Faith manifesting works (2:14-26)
  - Tongue (3:1-12)



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- Human or earthly wisdom (3:14-16)
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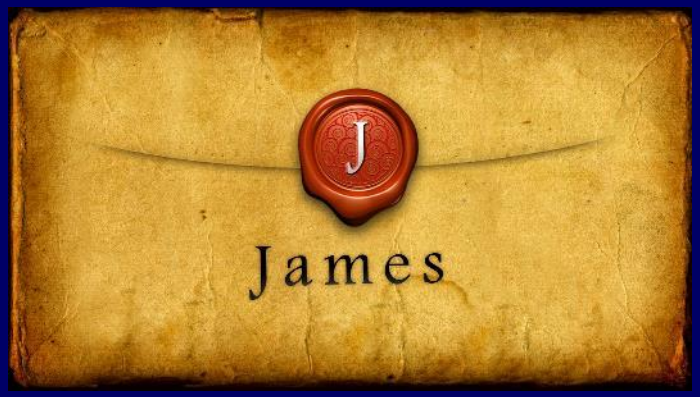


Spiritual Life
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I. Avoid wrangling (4:1-3)

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III. Essence of spiritual wisdom (4:7-12)



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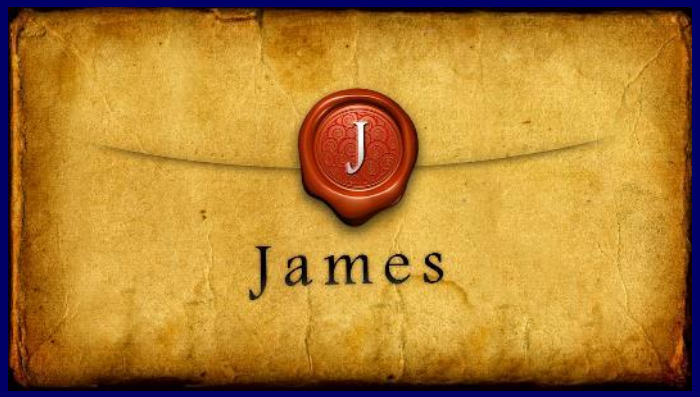
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Commercial Life
(4:13-17)

I. The Need to Plan while Depending Upon God (4:13-15)

II. The Problem of Planning without Depending Upon God (4:16-17)



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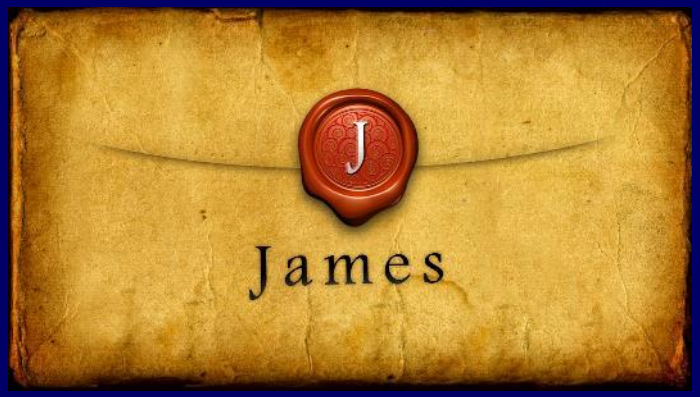
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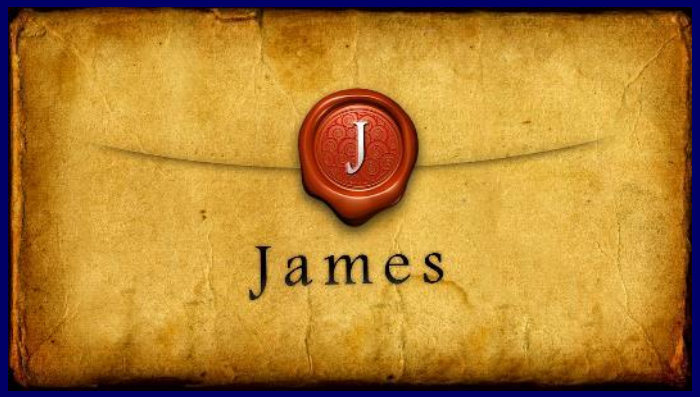
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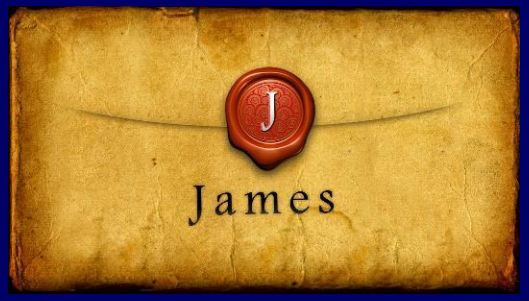
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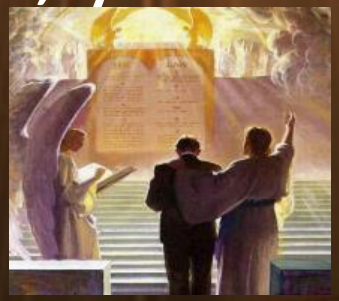
1 Corinthians 3:10-15

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold,…



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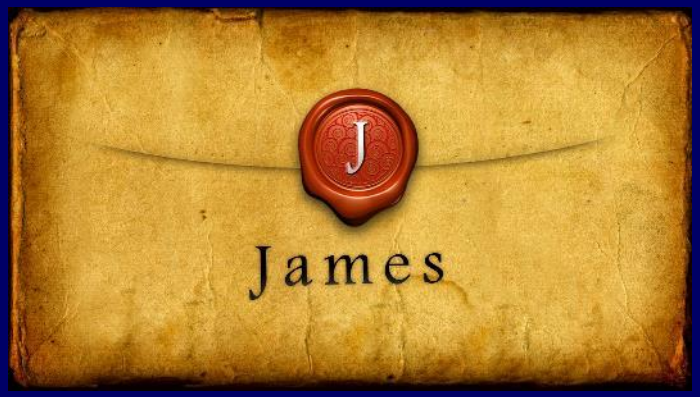
… silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,…[14] If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. [15] If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.



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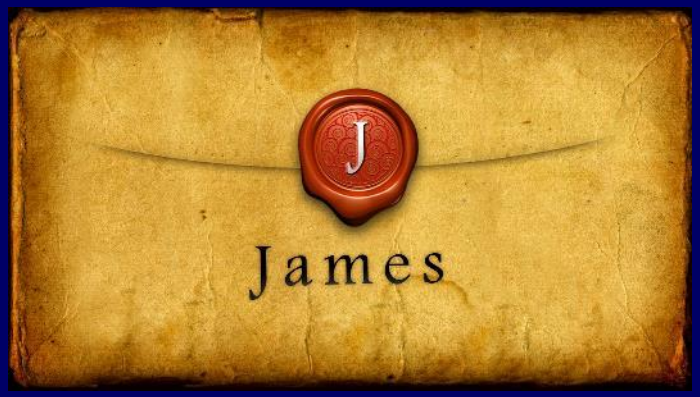


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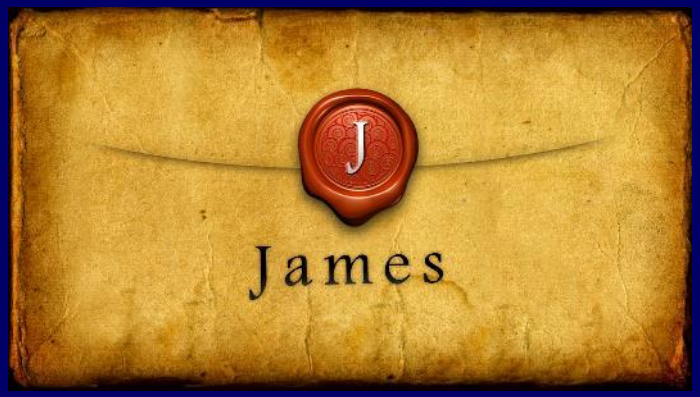


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James 1:1

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, **To** the **twelve tribes** who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.



Matthew 24:15-16, 20

"15 Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand) 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains…20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on **a Sabbath**."



Exodus 20:8-11

8 “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days
you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the **seventh
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do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your
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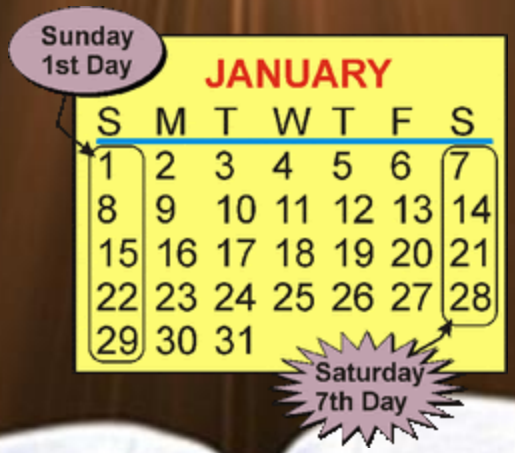
Exodus 31:15-17

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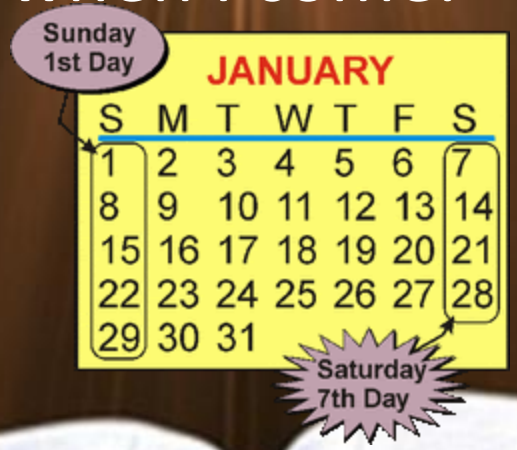
Acts 20:7

"**On the first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight."



1 Corinthians 16:2

“[1] Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the **churches** of Galatia, so do you also. [2] **On the first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.”

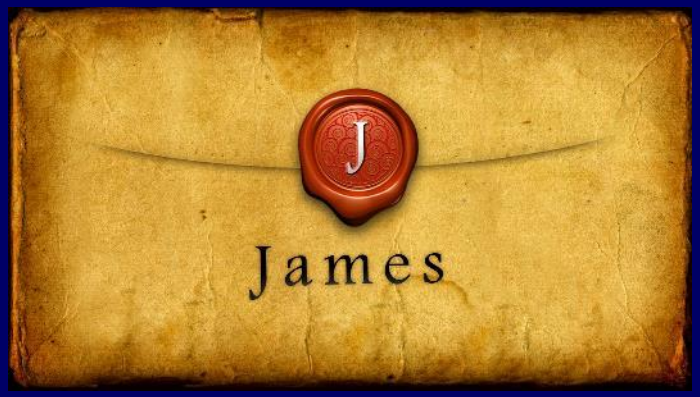


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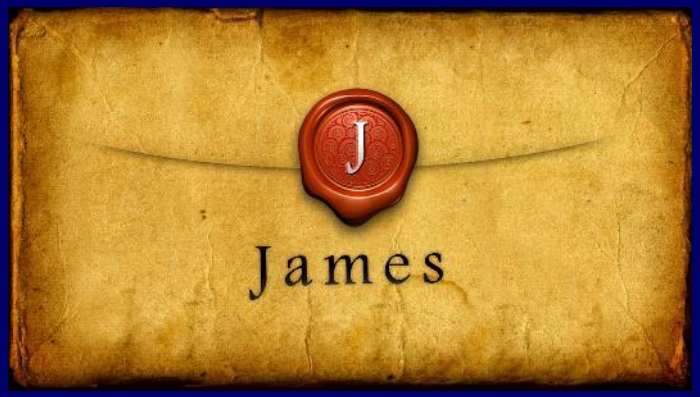
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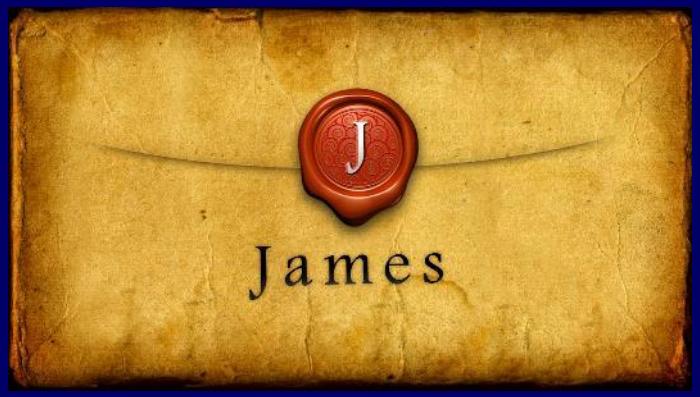


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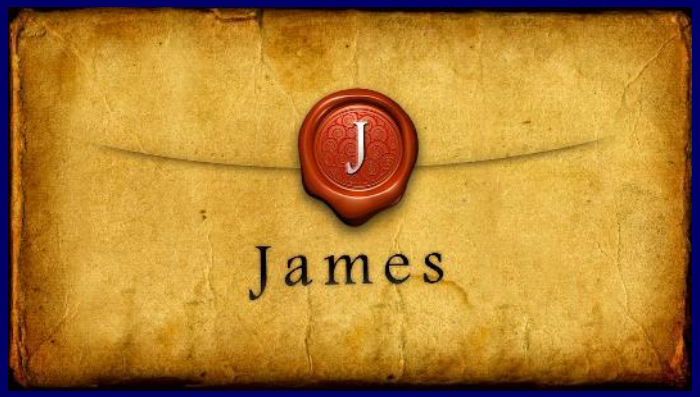


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