

Does It Work?

James 1:1

Introduction

I. The Author

James “the Just” (the half-brother of Jesus)

II. The Audience

Ethnically — Jews (“to the twelve tribes”)
Spiritually — Believers (“my brethren” V. 2)
Geographically — Scattered abroad (*diaspora*)

III. The Aim

James wants to overcome the divided character of Christian experience, calling his readers to spiritual wholeness and maturity that demonstrates faith through action.

IV. The Attributes

Controversial

Commencing

Clear / Concise

Caring

Commanding

Colorful

Comprehensive / Contemporary

Conclusion

