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James

FAITH THAT WORKS

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5 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.



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James – a quick review:

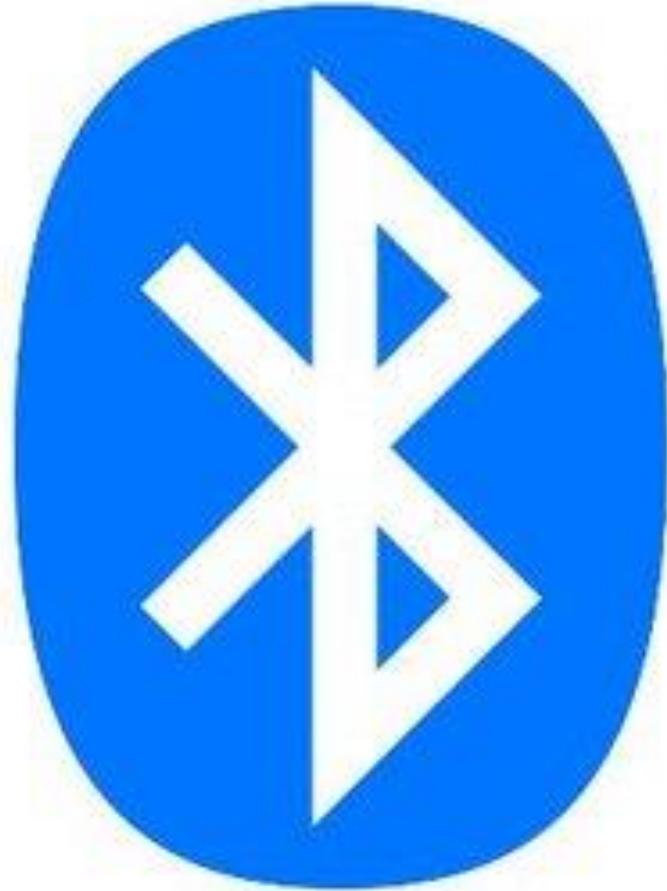
- There will be trials & temptations – let it produce maturity in you.
- Listen quickly, speak slowly, be slow to anger – don't just listen to the word but do it. A flapping tongue is worthless – look after the defenseless and keep yourself from the world's pollution.
- No fav's – love your neighbour as yourself.
- Faith & works in synch!
- The tricky tongue.
- Being wise – show it by a good life, action and humility.



James – Key themes:

- Growth in/thru trials
- Speaking – what we communicate matters
- Be active in caring for others
- Keep yourself from the world's pollution
- Love people
- Don't play the favourites game
- Faith & Deeds – it's a both/and situation

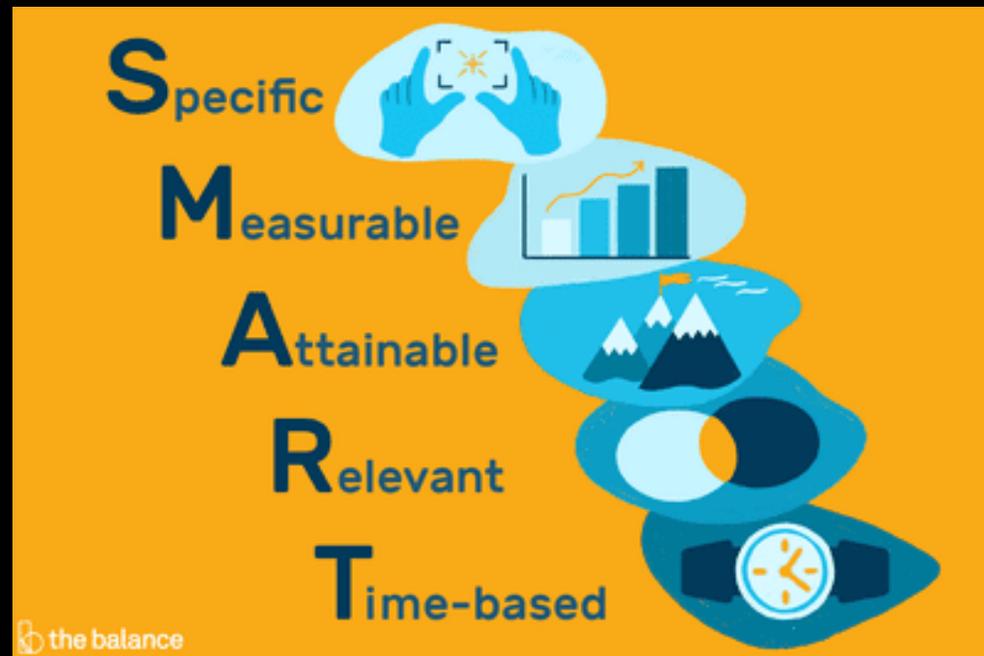




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“James has urged us to take the Lord into consideration in all our planning. We therefore have no excuse in this matter, we know what we are to do. To fail now to do it, James makes clear is sin.”



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Three Section Starters:

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Three Section Endings:

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Living everyday in the light of eternity...

- To treat people as Christ would – with love
 - To plan & prepare acknowledging God is Sovereign over all
 - To speak plainly, be known as honest people
 - To trust in Him not in things
- 5v8 – You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

