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lacking in nothing.
- <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,  
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and it will be given him.
- <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,  
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So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.
- <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.
- <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.
- <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
- <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
- <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.
- <sup>17</sup> 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.
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let every person be quick to hear,  
slow to speak, slow to anger;
- <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not  
produce the righteousness of God.
- <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness  
and receive with meekness the implanted word,  
which is able to save your souls.
- <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.
- <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,  
he is like a man who looks intently  
at his natural face in a mirror.
- <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away  
and at once forgets what he was like.
- <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law,  
the law of liberty, and perseveres,  
being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts,  
he will be blessed in his doing.
- <sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious  
and does not bridle his tongue  
but deceives his heart,  
this person's religion is worthless.
- <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled  
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- <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring  
and fine clothing comes into your assembly,  
and a poor man in shabby clothing  
also comes in,
- <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one  
who wears the fine clothing and say,  
“You sit here in a good place,”  
while you say to the poor man,  
“You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”
- <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves  
and become judges with evil thoughts?
- <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers,  
has not God chosen those  
who are poor in the world to be  
rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom,  
which he has promised to those who love him?
- <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man.  
Are not the rich the ones who oppress you,  
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you are doing well.
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- <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law  
but fails in one point  
has become guilty of all of it.
- <sup>11</sup> For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,”  
also said, “Do not murder.”  
If you do not commit adultery but do murder,  
you have become a transgressor of the law.
- <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those  
who are to be judged under the law of liberty.
- <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one  
who has shown no mercy.  
Mercy triumphs over judgment.
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- 18 But someone will say,  
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Show me your faith apart from your works,  
and I will show you my faith by my works.
- 19 You believe that God is one; you do well.  
Even the demons believe - and shudder!
- 20 Do you want to be shown,  
you foolish person,  
that faith apart from works is useless?
- 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works  
when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?
- 22 You see that faith was active along with his works,  
and faith was completed by his works;
- 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says,  
“Abraham believed God,  
and it was counted to him as righteousness”  
– and he was called a friend of God.
- 24 You see that a person is justified by works  
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- <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses  
so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.
- <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large  
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they are guided by a very small rudder  
wherever the will of the pilot directs.
- <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member,  
yet it boasts of great things.  
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!
- <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.  
The tongue is set among our members,  
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- <sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you?  
By his good conduct let him show his works  
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