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lacking in nothing.
- ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
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September Scripture James 1:11-16

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So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.
- ¹² 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.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
- ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
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- ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- ²³ 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.
- ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
- ²⁵ 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.
- ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
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- ¹ My brothers, show no partiality
as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Lord of glory.
- ² 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,
- ³ 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,”
- ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves
and become judges with evil thoughts?
- ⁵ 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?
- ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man.
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- ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.
- ¹¹ 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.
- ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.
- ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
- ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?
- ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food,
- ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

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- ¹⁷ So also faith by itself,
if it does not have works, is dead.
- ¹⁸ But someone will say,
“You have faith and I have works.”
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,
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March Scripture James 3:3-8a

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⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large
and are driven by strong winds,
they are guided by a very small rudder
wherever the will of the pilot directs.

⁵ 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!

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.
The tongue is set among our members,
staining the whole body,
setting on fire the entire course of life,
and set on fire by hell.

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird,
of reptile and sea creature,
can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

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- ^{8b} It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
- ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse people who are
made in the likeness of God.
- ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.
My brothers, these things ought not to be so.
- ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening
both fresh and salt water?
- ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives,
or a grapevine produce figs?
Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.
- ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you?
By his good conduct let him show his works
in the meekness of wisdom.
- ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy
and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not boast and be false to the truth.
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