

James Overview

1. How would you describe James purpose(s) for writing this letter? (Is he teaching doctrine, exhorting someone to action, giving warnings or rebukes, telling about himself, offering personal comfort or encouragement, etc.)
2. How would you say he presents his message (stories, pictures, instructions, descriptions of people or events, poetry, logical reasoning, etc.)?
3. Repetition is a clue to the ideas a writer wants to emphasize. What words and ideas does James repeat?
4. What major themes do you see running throughout his letter? The repetition that you have already noticed can help you identify these themes.
5. Sketch a broad outline of the book. Divide the book into three to four major divisions (ex. I, II, III) and smaller sections (ex. A, B, C). Give each division and section a descriptive title. (do not use a Bible that has already provided divisions and titles.)