

Patience commanded, reasons given	How to respond and why	1:2-12	<p>“...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations...”</p> <p>“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation...” Why? God’s promises</p>
	How NOT to respond and why	1:13-18	<p>“Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God...”</p> <p>Why? God’s and man’s character</p>
How to be patient: (1:19-21 is the outline) “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...”	Swift to hear	1:22-2:26	<p>“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”</p>
	Slow to speak	3:1-18	<p>“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...”</p> <p>“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”</p>
	Slow to wrath	4:1-5:6	<p>“From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”</p>
Command to be patient is reiterated	Wait for the coming of the Lord	5:7-20	<p>“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”</p> <p>“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.”</p>

# James 4:13-5:6 – the source of wrath

	<b>A call to repentance</b>	<b>The result of ignoring the call</b>
<b>The audience</b>	4:13 Men who have ambitious business plans	5:1a Successful, wealthy men
<b>A change of perspective is required</b>	4:14 Remember your weakness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you don't know the future</li> <li>• your life is short and will end suddenly</li> </ul>	5:1b-3 Recognize your coming judgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You didn't mourn for your sin, but you will mourn for the punishment</li> <li>• The objects of your lust are now destroyed (you "cannot obtain")</li> <li>• The objects of your lust are a liability instead of an asset</li> </ul>
	4:15 Remember God's power: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued life is a gift from him</li> <li>• Your actions are subject to his will</li> </ul>	
<b>Identifying sin</b>	4:16-17 Motivation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't boast in your plans</li> <li>• Neglecting to acknowledge God's sovereignty is sin, and leads to sin</li> </ul>	5:4-6 Condemnation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You've become rich by oppression ("ye fight and war")</li> <li>• You've murdered ("ye kill")</li> <li>• You've lived only for the present ("consume it upon your lusts")</li> </ul>

# Misplaced boasting

## **Proverbs 27:1**

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

## **Judges 7:2**

And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

# Boasting in God

## **Psalm 5:11**

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

## **Philippians 3:3**

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.