

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>

Chiastic summary of 1:22-5:6

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be

swift to hear,

slow to speak,

slow to wrath:

For (because) the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness,

and receive with meekness the engrafted word,
which is able to save your souls.

(go back when finished)

1:22-2:26 “Swift to hear”

True religion vs. vain religion

1:22-1:27	Be doers and not hearers only.	If a man hears without doing, his religion is vain.
2:1-2:13	Do not respect persons	Respecting persons violates the ten commandments
2:14-2:26	Be workers and not believers only	Faith cannot save a man who does not have works.