

# Appendix F

## Parallels between James and the Synoptic Gospels

James	Synoptic Gospels
1:4: "And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."	Matt 5:48: "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
1:5: "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."	Luke 11:9 (see Matt 7:7): "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
1:6: "But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind."	Matt 21:21 (see Mark 11:23-24) "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen."
1:17: "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."	Matt 7:11: "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him."
1:22-23: "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror."	Luke 6:46-47: "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you whom he is like."
2:5: Listen, my beloved brothers: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him?	Matt 5:3, 5 (see Luke 6:20): "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven....Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."
2:8: "If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the scripture, "You will love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well."	Mark 12:31 (see Matt 22:39-40; Luke 10:27): "The second is this, 'You will love your neighbor as yourself'. There is no other commandment greater than these."
2:13: "For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment."	Matt 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
3:12: "Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh."	Matt 7:16 (see Luke 6:44): "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?"

<p>4:2-3: "You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures."</p>	<p>Matt 7:7-8: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."</p>
<p>4:9: "Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom."</p>	<p>Luke 6:25: "'Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.'</p>
<p>4:10: "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you."</p>	<p>Luke 4:11 (see Matt 23:12; Luke 18:14): "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."</p>
<p>4:11-12: "Do not speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. There is only one lawgiver and judge, the one who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?"</p>	<p>Luke 6:37 (see Matt 7:1): "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned"</p>
<p>4:13-14: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."</p>	<p>Matt 6:34: "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."</p>
<p>5:1: "Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you."</p>	<p>Luke 6:24-25: "But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep."</p>
<p>5:9: "Do not complain, brothers, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged.</p>	<p>Matt 7:1: "Do not judge so that you will not be judged."</p>
<p>5:12: "But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.</p>	<p>Matt 5:34-37: "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of the evil one."</p>