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James 3: The author cautions that the tongue, though small, is capable of corrupting the whole body causing immense destruction. Believers are urged to tame their speech and seek heavenly wisdom, which is defined by peace, gentleness, and sincerity rather than bitter jealousy.

James 4: Christians are rebuked for worldly passions, pride, and judging one another, which leads to internal fighting and hostility toward God. Humble submission to God, resisting the devil, and recognizing that planning the future without considering God's will is arrogant.

James 5: Rich oppressors are harshly warned of coming judgment for exploiting laborers and hoarding wealth during difficult times. The chapter concludes by encouraging the faithful to practice patient endurance, offer heartfelt prayers for the sick, and restore wandering believers to the truth.

1 Peter Chapters 1–3

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