What do you suggest, James?

James 1

I. To live as a Christian, we must be joyful in times of trials. (James 1:2-4)
   a. It is the testing of our faith which produces patience.
   b. Our faith can only be tested through trials. (Job 1:9-11)

II. To live as a Christian, we must pray in faith without doubt. (James 1:5-8)
   a. When we pray, we must pray in faith.
   b. We pray for wisdom because wisdom purges our ignorance. (2 Timothy 2:15)

III. To live as a Christian, we must keep things in perspective. (James 1:9-11)
   a. To the Christian, rich and poor does not matter. A life for Christ does.
   b. The problem isn’t the amount of money, it is about the pursuit. (James 1:11).
   c. Being found in Christ is the pursuit for a Christian. (Gal 3:27-28; Luke 12:19-21)

IV. To live as a Christian, we must not blame God for our temptations. (James 1:12-18)
   a. We must remain faithful to receive eternal life. (Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:8)
   b. We must understand the source of our temptations. (Job 1; Matthew 4:1)
   c. We are tempted by our own desires. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

V. To live as a Christian, we must overcome our anger and wrath. (James 1:19-20)
   a. Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. (James 1:19)
   b. Listening is sometimes the best sermon. (1 Timothy 5:19; 1 Corinthians 13:7)
   c. We must control our anger. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

VI. To live as a Christian, we must not only hear, but do the will of God. (James 1:21-27)
   a. In becoming Christians: (Acts 2:38, 41)
   b. In living a Christian life. (Matthew 25:32-44)