

- a. Recapitulation of the introduction (1:12): through *trials*, by *patience*, to the *crown*.
- b. Birth (1:13–19a): though the old nature remains active (13–16) the Father has brought us to new birth by his word (17–19a);
- c. Growth (1:19b–25): we grow by hearing (19b–20), receiving (21) and obeying (22–25) the Father's Word;
- d. Development (1:26 – 5:6): there are three notable developments which are the characteristics of true Christian growth:

1:26
The controlled
tongue

1:27a
Care for the needy

1:27b
Personal purity of
life

Detailed study of:
Care for the needy
(2:1–26)

Control of the
tongue (3:1–12)

Personal purity of
life (3:13 – 5:6)

James 1:18

“He **chose to give us birth** through the **word of truth**, that we might be a kind of **firstfruits** of all he created.”

Three truths about our Father	His spontaneous care for the helpless	His word of truth	His purpose of holiness
Three marks of the child of God	A caring ministry to the needy	A controlled tongue	A holy life
Three topics developed	A caring ministry (2:1-26)	A controlled tongue (3:1-12)	A holy life (3:13-5:6)

“Like Father, like child”

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- His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
(1 Corinthians 1:9)
- Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God
(1 Corinthians 1:24)
- The image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15)
- The beginning and the firstborn from among the dead (Colossians 1:18)
- Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ
(Titus 2:13)