

THE BOOK OF JAMES

WORDS TO LIVE BY
Week 3

READ: JAMES 2:1-26

Ice Breaker 🗣️

Should Christian social media influencers be held to the same standard as Christian preachers?

[Deep Dive Questions 🗣️]

1. Who is James writing to in his letter?
2. Why do you think teachers in the church will be judged more strictly?
3. Is v.2 explaining the behavior of false teachers, excusing them, or giving general instruction to the church? What can you learn from this?
4. How is the tongue like: a bit in a horse's mouth? a rudder of a ship? a fire?
5. Is it really impossible to tame the tongue (v.8)? Read Psalm 19:14; Philippians 2:14–16; Hebrews 10:24–25; Proverbs 10:31–32. How can you control your tongue?
6. How often do your words give encouragement and speak life into others? How often do your words get you in trouble? What does James say about this in vv.9-12?
7. Think about the conversations you've had this past month. Do the words you speak come from faith and (spiritual) fruit or do your words come from a place of flesh and frustration? Consider these questions: What are we teaching with our words? (vv.1-2) Who and what is guiding our words? (vv.3-10) Where are our words coming from? (vv.11-12).

Walk it Out!

- [[Memorization] Learn James 3:9-10 and Proverbs 18:2.
- James 3:9-10 [NIV]: 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.
- Proverbs 18:2 [NIV]: Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.
- [Connection] Who can you encourage this week? Think of 2-3 people to connect with and give them words of encouragement. Additionally, do you need to apologize to anyone for your words? If so, pray that God softens any hardened hearts and say sorry.
- [Reading] Read and digest James 3:13-18 this week. Allow God's word to fill our hearts so it flows out of our mouths. Listen to God and ask Him for wisdom that will lead to an honorable life – in both words and action.

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

