

Wrapping Up The Book of James

Ezekiel 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God; so turn and live.

Matthew 12:34 Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

1. Seek God's Wisdom Above all Else.

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you.

James 3:13-17

Who is wise and understanding among you, let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peaceloving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Worldly Wisdom = demonic, bitter envy, selfish ambition, earthly concerns and desires, unspiritual thoughts, and ideas, disorder and evil

Godly Wisdom = mercy, love for others, peace, consideration for others, submission, sincerity, impartiality and righteousness

2. Tame Your Tongue **James 1:19** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everybody should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

Luke 6:27 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

James 3:6

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, set the whole course of one's life on fire and is itself set on fire by hell.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Matthew 12:26-27 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgement. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.

Proverbs 12:18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

3. Choose God Above All Else

Walking in the Flesh vs Walking in the Spirit

(Galatians 5)

Relationship with God vs Relationship with the World

James 4:4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Choosing how we respond to the enemy.

James 4:6 God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you.

4. Be a Doer

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror, and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

5. Our Behavior Is a Language

So what does your behavior say about your relationship with Christ?

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