

Wisdom from God



MEMORY VERSE: "Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips."
Psalm 141:3

DAY 1 JAMES 3:1-5 — Control of the Tongue

1. Read verses 1-2. In what way is verse 2 related to verse 1 on teachers? Why do you think those who teach will be "judged more strictly"?

2. What did James acknowledge about all of us? v. 2

3. What illustrations did James use to describe the power of the tongue?

this little thing

controls this big thing

v. 3

v. 4

v. 5b

4. How could your words be powerful enough to:
Poison a relationship?

Help someone who is struggling?

DAY 2 JAMES 3:6-12 — Power of the Tongue

5. What do verses 6-8 say about the nature and power of the tongue?

6. What we say shows the condition of our sinful hearts. Where does help come from to change our hearts and words? Refer to Psalm 51:10; Ephesians 3:16-17; Romans 8:26a.

7. What good and what evil things come out of the same mouth? vv. 9-10

8. Why is it so important to the world that we believers control our tongues?
Refer to 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

DAY 3 JAMES 3:13-17 — Two Kinds of Wisdom

9. What does James tell us to do if we are wise and understand God's ways? v. 13

10. James tells us that there are two different sets of wisdom because the assumptions about life we base our decisions on are different: worldly wisdom and heavenly wisdom.
How does wisdom from the world show itself in people? vv. 14-15

What does this wisdom lead to? v. 16

11. What is heavenly wisdom like? v. 17

12. How can you fill yourself up with heavenly wisdom?
James 1:5-8

Proverbs 2:1-15

DAY 4 JAMES 3:18 — Plant Seeds of Peace

13. What are the results of exercising heavenly wisdom?

14. How do peacemakers:
Bring glory to God?

Bring blessings and joy to others?

DAY 5 JAMES 3 — Wrap Up

15. Consider your words over the past week. What % were positive? What % were negative?
What are some practical ways you can reduce your negative words?

What are some practical ways that you can use your words for good?

16. When you need wisdom, where do you go? Why?
What's one way you've seen God's wisdom proved true in your life?

TAKE AWAY

We have more of a tendency to sin/stumble with our words when we are hungry, angry, lonely, and tired - HALT! This week remember to HALT!

BLESSING

We need God's wisdom to discern the truth and to stand up for it in a world growing far away from God. Be a Christ follower who lives out their beliefs in this world!

