
WORDS REVEAL THE HEART: James 3**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What is one moment when words changed a situation for better or worse almost immediately?

STUDY THE BIBLE

James 3:1-6

Read Aloud: Have someone read James 3:1-6.

Discussion: Why does James begin by addressing teachers?

What images does James use to describe the tongue?

What do these verses produce in you? What impact do they have on you?

James 3:7-12

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud James 3:7-12.

Discussion: What contradiction does James expose in these verses?

Why does James use examples from nature?

How do these verses challenge you?

James 3:13-18

Read Aloud: Have someone read James 3:13-18.

Discussion: How does James distinguish earthly wisdom from wisdom from above?

Why connect wisdom to conduct instead of mere knowledge?

What would it look like this week for you to pursue peace in a way shaped by wisdom from above?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Pause during a difficult situation and ask whether your words will heal, inflame, or reveal selfish ambition.

Confess one speech pattern that has become harmful, such as sarcasm, gossip, complaining, or harshness, and seek God's help to change it.

Pursue wisdom from above by praying through James 3:17 each day and asking God to grow those qualities in you.

PRAYER TIME

CONTEND AND KEEP WATCH: Jude

CREATE INTEREST

Question: When has protecting something valuable required more vigilance than you expected?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Jude 1:1-7

Read Aloud: Have someone read Jude 1:1-7.

Discussion: Why does Jude say believers must contend for the faith?

What tone does Jude strike in these opening verses?

Why does Jude include examples of past judgment?

Jude 1:8-16

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Jude 1:8-16.

Discussion: How does Jude describe the false teachers?

What patterns make false teaching especially dangerous?

How can we practice discernment without becoming cynical?

Jude 1:17-25

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Jude 1:17-25.

Discussion: What positive commands does Jude give believers?

How does Jude balance conviction and compassion?

How does Jude's closing praise encourage believers to keep trusting God when error and pressure feel strong?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Strengthen your discernment this week by reading a portion of Scripture each day and asking God to sharpen your love for truth.

Show mercy to someone who is struggling spiritually, combining compassion with clarity instead of choosing one without the other.

Rest in God's keeping power by turning one persistent fear into a specific prayer of trust this week.

PRAYER TIME

WISDOM ON DISPLAY: Proverb 31:10-31

CREATE INTEREST

Question: What qualities make a person's life deeply admirable over time, not just impressive at first glance?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Proverbs 31:10-17

Read Aloud: Have someone read Proverbs 31:10-17.

Discussion: What opening qualities make this woman stand out?

How might these verses challenge the way people measure worth today?

Why does the poem emphasize willing, energetic work so early?

Proverbs 31:18-27

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read Proverbs 31:18-27.

Discussion: What repeated patterns of wisdom appear in these verses?

Where do believers need this kind of steady faithfulness in daily life?

Why does the poem connect diligence, generosity, and household care so closely?

Proverbs 31:28-31

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Proverbs 31:28-31.

Discussion: What is the clearest reason this woman is praised in the closing verses?

How can the fear of the Lord reshape a believer's goals and definitions of success?

Why does the poem end by turning away from charm and beauty?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Identify one area of ordinary responsibility and approach it this week as an act of worship before God rather than mere obligation.

Ask God to grow one lasting trait in you, such as diligence, generosity, wisdom in speech, or reverence, and pray over it daily.

Encourage someone whose quiet faithfulness often goes unnoticed, and thank God for the hidden work he is doing through them.

PRAYER TIME