



# The Book of James

## *What's the Problem?*

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

James 3:6 NIV

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:8 NIV

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. 12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Romans 8:5-14 NIV



## 1. Just Shut Up

19 Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.

Proverbs 10:19 NLT

28 Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Proverbs 17:28 NLT

## 2. Think About It

28 The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.

Proverbs 15:28 NLT

27 The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

Proverbs 17:27 NIV

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

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

26 Anyone who says he is a Christian but doesn't control his sharp tongue is just fooling himself, and his religion isn't worth much.

James 1:26 TLB

36 And I tell you that on the Judgment Day people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said.

Matthew 12:36 NCV

## 3. Be Considerate



8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 NIV

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.  
6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:5-6 NIV

29 When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.

Ephesians 4:29 NCV

1 A gentle answer will calm a person's anger, but an unkind answer will cause more anger.

Proverbs 15:1 NCV

1 An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels. 2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.

Proverbs 18:1-2 NIV

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

James 3:17 NIV