

“The Word According To Jim: Walking the Talk”
James 1:26-27 & 3:1-12 & 2:14-26
“How To Have A Pure, Valuable, & Balanced Faith”

A Prayer For A Fresh Start:

Consider this thought by Jeremy Taylor:

“Meditation is the tongue of the soul and the language of our spirit.”

Sit quietly for a few moments and allow for your spirit to guide you as to what and who to pray for or about.

Prep For Opening & Hearing & Responding To God’s Word – The Bible:

(Questions from Campus Crusade for Christ’s “*Ten Basic Steps Toward Christian Maturity*”)

What is the principle of the reading and leading lesson of the reading? What is the key verse (memorize it)? Who are the principle characters? What does the passage(s) teach about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit? Is there any example for me to follow? Is there an error for me to avoid? Is there a duty for me to perform out of devotion to Christ or a call for me to respond to? Is there any promise for me to claim? Is there a prayer for me to echo?

“Bible In One Year” Readings = January 18-25

Genesis 37:1-Exodus 2:10; Matthew 12:22-17:9; Psalm 16:1-21:13; Proverbs 3:27-5:6

“1 Chapter from the Bible book of Proverbs each day”

Readings Similar to James 1:26-27 & 3:1-12 & 2:14-26

(Read a passage or two a day, or consider a passage at each meal, & apply it to your life.)

Ephesians 4:29; Romans 1:32 & 12:2; Isaiah 1:11-17; Micah 6:8; 1John 3:16-18;

Matthew 25:34-46; Luke 10:25-37; John 17:15-26; 2Peter 3:14; 1John 2:15

1Corinthians 11:32; Genesis 13:10; 1Timothy 6:17; Ephesians 2:8-10;

Romans 4:3-5; Genesis 15:1-16 & 22:1-18; Joshua 2 & 3 & 6; 1Samuel 17;

Hebrews 11 & Romans 14:23b

Next Week Prep:

James 2:1-13 & 5:7-18

“How To Cultivate Patience & Prayer & Avoid Being Partial”

Luke 21:1-4; John 4; Isaiah 53:2; Hebrews 4:6 & 11:37;

1Corinthians 1:26-29; Matthew 22:37-40; Leviticus 19:18;

1John 4:20; Romans 13:10; Luke 10:38-42; 1Thessalonians 3;

Isaiah 40:27-31; Acts 16:25; Psalm 23; 1John 5:14

Mark 2:1-12; Genesis 32:26; 2Kings 20:1-6; Hebrews 11

Deuteronomy 11:16-17; Philippians 4:19; 1Kings 18:41-43;

Small Group/Family Q's for Discussing & Journeying Together

James 1:26-27 & 3:1-12 & 2:14-26

“How To Have A Pure, Valuable & Balanced Faith”

(Several Q's taken from “The Serendipity Bible for Groups”)

Give specific examples of how you and your family/small group are actively living out Rejoice's! **4 Values** of Worship, Outreach, Prayer & Small Groups; our **Mission** that states - “by living out your commitment to Christ through a small group, we will reach out to those who are not experiencing God's love. Empowered by God's Word and Holy Spirit we will prayerfully follow Jesus' example;” and our **Vision** - “being a church that develops disciples and reaches out to the harvest.” Let's pray!

1. *In light of 3:8, what hope do we have in relation to controlling our tongues?*
2. *In every day conversation, how seriously do you take 3:9?*
3. *Jesus and the apostles Peter and Paul were not always very tame when it came to the tongue. When is harsh language acceptable?*
4. *How does 3:2 & 3:10 make you feel about your tongue? How will they prompt you to pray?*
5. *How can emails, text messaging, Facebook, letters, phone calls be used as sharp tongues? Are you guilty of such action & in need of confession?*
6. *Are you more likely to act without thinking or think without acting?*
7. *What kind of faith is condemned in 2:14?*
8. *What is the relationship between faith & deeds according to James?*
9. *In what way is faith without deeds dead (2:18)?*
10. *What are the lessons from Abraham's & Rahab's examples?*
11. *When has your faith been put to the test? What happened?*
12. *In what way(s) should the lifestyle of a Jesus-follower verify their faith?*
13. *If you were arrested for being a Christian, what evidence would be to prove the point?*