

Our Actions & Our Words

There is an old adage that says, “actions speak louder than words.” In the book of James, we are taught about both our actions and words. As Christians our actions do speak many times for and about us. We must be prayerful everyday to guard against sinful actions and words. The world is looking at us, but most of all, God is watching and listening.

James, the half brother of Jesus is the author of this book. He was a leader in the church in Jerusalem. He is writing to the Jews, the twelve tribes scattered abroad. It is a letter of encouragement, direction, correction and obedience, as they strive to live as Christ’s followers. James’ book takes sayings from Proverbs and also has the similarity of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

James teaches us that being a Christian is not just believing a few religious laws and rules. If we are true believers and followers of Christ, then there should be genuine change in our thoughts, what we say and what we do each and every day of our Christian lives. We can’t be fake, because if we are, we will bear no fruit and we will face harsh judgment from God.

We are taught about our pride, discrimination, greed, lust, hypocrisy, worldliness, and slander. James teaches with analogies, such as how a tree bears fruit.

As you read the book of James you will encounter some cross reference scriptures to help reinforce what the verse says or to show you the opposite meaning of the verse. James is a very practical book to Christian living. I hope you enjoy it and learn, as you meditate on each verse.

Week of July 16 - 22, 2017

<i>Sunday:</i>	Faithful Endurance.....	James 1:1-4
<i>Monday:</i>	Wisdom.....	James 1:5-8 & 1 Kings 3:9-10
<i>Tuesday:</i>	The Poor & Rich	James 1:9-11
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Testing.....	James 1:12-15 & Job 15:35
<i>Thursday:</i>	Never Changing God	James 1:16-18
<i>Friday:</i>	Listen Than Do	James 1:19-25 & Ephesians 1:13
<i>Saturday:</i>	Real Religion	James 1:26-27 & Isaiah 1:17

Week of July 23 - 29, 2017

<i>Sunday:</i>	Prejudice	James 2:1-7
<i>Monday:</i>	The Law	James 2:8-13 & Leviticus 19:18
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Faith & Good Deeds	James 2:14-17
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Faith Without Deeds	James 2:18-20 & Matthew 8:28-29
<i>Thursday:</i>	The Actions of Abraham.....	James 2:21-24
<i>Friday:</i>	Rahab’s Deed.....	James 2:25 & Hebrews 11:31
<i>Saturday:</i>	Dead Faith.....	James 2:26

Week of July 30 – August 5, 2017

<i>Sunday:</i>	The Tongue	James 3:1-2
<i>Monday:</i>	Fruit.....	Matthew 12:33-37
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Where the tongue leads.....	James 3:3-6
<i>Wednesday:</i>	What can be tamed....	James 3:7 & Genesis 1:26-27
<i>Thursday:</i>	What can’t be tamed	James 3:8-12
<i>Friday:</i>	God’s wisdom in you.....	James 3:13-16
<i>Saturday:</i>	The Goodness of Wisdom.....	James 3:17-18

Week of August 6 – August 12, 2017

<i>Sunday:</i>	Fighting.....	James 4:1-2
<i>Monday:</i>	Wrong Motives	James 4:3
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Slave to Sin	Romans 7:21-25
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Enemies of God.....	James 4:4-5
<i>Thursday:</i>	Grace for the Humble.....	James 4:6
<i>Friday:</i>	Mocking & Grace	Proverbs 3:33-34
<i>Saturday:</i>	Close to God	James 4:7-8

Week of August 13 – August 19, 2017

<i>Sunday:</i>	Tears of Repentance.....	James 4:9
<i>Monday:</i>	Humility	James 4:10
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Judging Others	James 4:11-12
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Being Judged.....	Matthew 10:28
<i>Thursday:</i>	Warning about Self confidence.....	James 4:13-16
<i>Friday:</i>	Just Do It.....	James 4:17
<i>Saturday:</i>	Following the Master	Luke 12:47-48

Week of August 20 – August 26, 2017

- Sunday:* Warning to the Rich..... James 5:1-4
Monday: The Lives of the Rich..... James 5:5-6
Tuesday: God rewards the Righteous..... Hebrews 10:37-39
Wednesday: Patience..... James 5:7-8
Thursday: Endurance..... James 5:9
Friday: The Day is Near..... Matthew 24:32-35
Saturday: Examples of Suffering..... James 5:10-11

Week of August 27 – September 2, 2017

- Sunday:* Yes is Yes..... James 5:12
Monday: Vows..... Matthew 5:33-37
Tuesday: The Power of Prayer..... James 5:13-15
Wednesday: The Sinner..... John 9:30-33
Thursday: The Repentant One..... James 5:16-18
Friday: Correction..... Matthew 18:15-17
Saturday: Restoring the Believer..... James 5:19-20

Labor Day Sunday September 4, 2017

- Sunday:* Our Work..... Proverbs 10:4

The Actions & Words of a True Believer



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[▶ A resource to accompany this summer folder is *James, Faith in Action* by **David Young** in the Covenant Bible Studies series. The book holds 10 shorter Biblical lessons which connect with Brethren beliefs, and there are questions for discussion and action. A resource for practical Christian discipleship, this guide is available through Brethren Press at www.brethren.org.]

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And Beyond
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July 16 – September 3, 2017