

Study 6 Some Warnings James 4:11---17

Review Week one

Evil...The process was that Our own Desires=Birth to Sin=Full grown=Death

Trials = Perseverance = Maturity

And we, out of all God's creation, became His...**PRIZED POSSESSION**

Cultivating faith and works working together while dealing with Trials

Review Week two

Listening and Doing...

Christian Ethics...First, real religion controls the tongue.

Salvation and Obedience...Second, real religion hears and does Gods Word

Illustration the mirror and the Engrafted Word...

Third, Real religion receives Gods Word.

A Warning against Prejudice

Cultivating faith and works working together to be a doer of Gods Word

Review Week 3

Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead

The obedience of Abraham in offering up his son Isaac was faith and works working together

The experience of Rahab was faith and works working together

We are His workmanship created to do good works.

Cultivating faith and works working together to do good works

Review Week 4

Controlling the Tongue... The Tongue needs to be Controlled

1. The first trait of the human tongue is that it is condemning.

2. The second trait of the human tongue is that it is controlling...like bit in the horses mouth...the rudder on a ship.. a spark to start a forest fire

3. The third trait of the human tongue is that it is corrupting...like poison or rust

4.The forth trait of the human tongue is that it is compromising...blessing and cursing out of same mouth.

Cultivating faith and works working together to control the tongue

Review week 5

True Wisdom Comes from God...and is Active

Just as faith without works is meaningless, so to wisdom that does not show itself in good deeds and good character is worthless.

Wisdom from above

<p>Pure...Peace-loving Considerate...Submissive Full of mercy...Good fruit Impartial</p>

Wisdom From Below

<p>Earthly...Self-Serving Jealousy...Unspiritual Demonic... Disorder and evil</p>
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Review Relationship of Jesus Sermon on the Mt and James

True Wisdom Comes from God..and is Active

The Tree and Its Fruit...Luke 6:43--“A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs never grow on thorn bushes, nor grapes on bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”

Warning Drawing Close to God

James 4:8—10 Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners, and clear your minds, you doubters.

How can we draw close to God? James suggests the following:

We need to clean up our hearts and lives...We need to express remorse for our sin... We need to humble ourselves...

We all have a tendency to exaggerate the errors and failing of others while we tend to minimize our own weaknesses and failures. (Splinter in your brother eye, log in yours)

Someone wrote: “God doesn’t want shares of your life, He wants controlling interest.”



WARNING...If you want to gather honey, don’t kick over the beehive.

Warning Stop Slandering Each Other

James 4:11—12 Brothers and sisters, stop slandering each other. Those who slander and judge other believers slander and judge God’s teachings. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

Slandering makes you above the law

Those who slander and judge other in so doing you judge God’s teachings, you are no longer following them. Instead, you are judging them.

Gods Teaching on Works and Faith working together in your life in all that we have covered so far in this study

It is a full time job working on myself without trying to set everyone else straight.

SLANDERING MAKES YOU ABOVE THE LAWGIVER

Some people think it is their God-ordained responsibility to dish out criticism. They see it as their knack. Some even consider it their spiritual gift. But these people are often blind to their own weaknesses.

And then, of course, there is JUDGE JUDY. The TV court judge who rules her courtroom like she is God! And in her court you don't speak unless spoken to and even then you'd better be careful what you say! Judge Judy is always right or so she thinks she is.

Warning Don't Brag About Your Plans for the Future

James 4:13—17 Pay attention to this! You're saying, "Today or tomorrow we will go into some city, stay there a year, conduct business, and make money." You don't know what will happen tomorrow. What is life? You are a mist that is seen for a moment and then disappears. Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and carry out our plans." However, you brag because you're arrogant. All such bragging is evil.

James talks about some people who make big plans about going here and there and making all kinds of money. They had done all the market research. They had done all the preparations. They knew just where the market for their goods would be the best. They would get there before anyone else and make a killing.

But they are making three mistakes in their planning...first is that they are planning without God... second they were presumptuous about the future... Third they acted as if they were the ones who determined their future.

Here is a clue that you might be suffering from pride: God isn't included in your plans.

A person's life is utterly dependent upon the sustaining power of God. We cannot be proud and boast of future plans and accomplishments. We must live day by day seeking His will and making plans as He leads.

Verse 13. He says, "Go to now." That's King James for "Listen here, boy." He says, "I want you to think about what you're saying."

It is too easy for Christians to make plans and set goals, expecting God to fall in line behind them. It is easy to plan our lives as if we controlled the future and had unlimited authority over the factors that affect our life. And so, in reality we do plan our lives as if God does not exist.

Planning a Wedding there is so much to be done but there is so much you are not in charge of.



Warning life is temporary like the morning fog,



It could also be translated a puff of smoke. What happens to the smoke when you strike a match? It's there for a second then gone.

Life is just one big if. Right in the middle of LIFE is IF.

Life

A high school teacher in Los Angeles who had a unique way of stimulating her students to think, from time to time she would write brief messages on the chalkboard that was completely unrelated to the studies in which the students were involved. One morning, when the students entered the room, they found the number 25,550 written on the board. One pupil finally raised his hand and asked the instructor why that particular number was there. She explained that 25,550 represented the number of days in the life of a person who lives to be 70 years of age. Reduced to a number of days rather than years, the span of our life on earth didn't sound nearly as long.

True view of LIFE...James says we should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." That doesn't necessarily mean that we tag that on the end of every sentence we say, but we should always live under the thought that God is in control, and we aren't.

Conclusion...The bottom line is that we should be watching our own life and actions and reactions not looking at the lives of others like a judge.
James 4:17 Whoever knows what is right but doesn't do it is sinning.

ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIN OF DOING NOTHING

While riding in a car, I passed a sign that warned: **\$100 FINE FOR THROWING LITTER ON HIGHWAY**. Soon I saw another sign that stated: **LITTER BARREL - 1 MILE!** A short time later, I passed a garbage truck on its way to the disposal plant...There are three things you can do with garbage: You can collect it, scatter it, or dispose of it



Refraining from doing what one knows is good is sin just as surely as is doing the wrong thing.

Faith and works working together to get rid of the garbage in our life and at the same time not dumping garbage on someone else's life but rather helping them get rid of their garbage.

My life Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.**"

Questions and Comments