

TAKING CONTROL OF OUR WORDS

Letter from James

II. LEARNING TO LISTEN - TO OURSELVES (May 20 & 27)

I. IS LISTENING TO YOURSELF Biblical?

Psalms: The diary of a spiritual person.

Sermon on the Mount: A new way of thinking

II. The FAITH AND WORDS Equation: James 1-5

All of our "Works" are Words first. So, it is very important to find out what we are saying to ourselves. James gives us factors that, when added together, show us what we are saying to ourselves.

The question is, does what we say to ourselves add up to reality and truth?

J (X + Y) = C
 F _____ F _____ F _____ F _____

1:19-26;

Truth

Reality

1:27-2:2

Orphans & Widows

Rich Man/Poor Man

2:3-13 (4:1-6)

Motives

Values/Ambitions

Families/Experiences

Fears/Fantasies

Demonic

2:14-26 (3:11-18)

Ignoring/Hypocrisy

Distinguishing/Jealousy/Envy

Disorder/Quarrels

Anger/Hate/Slander/Murders

Worry/Doubt

Immorality/Adultery

Next Week:

III. IDOL WORDS; Looking for Idols in Your Tent: James 4

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

The Power of Words in the Kingdom of God.

Part II

Taking Control of Our Words REVIEW AND PREVIEW

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

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SERIES STATEMENT:

There is no more powerful tool to create change
 in this world and in your life than words.

SERIES QUESTION:

HOW can the words from my mouth and the words in my head
 be **SHAPED** and used for God's redemptive purposes?

Psalm 19:14 Paraphrased

Part I

Why Our Words Have Such Power

Genesis 1-3

Part II

Taking Control of Our Words

James

Because of God's Intervention we have a choice.

Our words can change and accomplish His kingdom purposes,

If we are brave enough to ask.

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| I. | Introduction to James | May 13 |
| II. | Learning to Listen
To Ourselves | May 20, 27 |
| III. | Learning to Speak | |
| IV. | Learning to Watch | |

Next Week: Learning to Listen to Ourselves