

May 20 & 27, 2018

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?***

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The Words in your Head.

Interpretation and Decision

World

Culture

Experiences

Faith

Reality and Truth

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

Discovering who is really on the throne by looking at our words.

a. Two Illustrations

1. _____
2. _____

b. One Problem

c. Two Triggers

1. _____
2. _____

d. One Solution

_____ yourself and _____ to God.

- *War of Words* Paul David Tripp