

## **"Practical Wisdom from the Epistle of James"**

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James 2:14 – 3:12

### **How Faith Works – James 2:14-26**

#### **A. Read James 2:14-20**

- Why is faith without works dead?
- How do some people rationalize inactive faith?
- Explain why mere belief in God is not enough?

#### **B. Read James 2:21-26**

- How did Abraham and Rahab demonstrate their faith?
- Why is it important to help others?
- How is helping others part of a disciplined spiritual life?
- How does spiritual discipline help us to practice true Christianity?
- What steps can you take to develop spiritual discipline in your life?

## **The Troublesome Tongue - James 3:1-12**

### **A. Read James 3:1-6**

- How does a person's tongue compare to a horse's bit and a ship's rudder?
- Explain how the tongue can be used for both good and evil?
- Why is the tongue so difficult to control?

### **B. Read James 3: 7-12**

- List examples from nature that James uses to teach on the power of words.
- What are some examples of the poison of an untamed tongue?
- Give some examples of ways our words can encourage others.
- How can we submit our tongues to the control of God's Spirit?