

GOD SPEAKS BUT ARE WE REALLY LISTENING TO WHAT HE SAID?

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James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

PRINCIPLE 1 - Jas 3:1 Many of you should not become teachers. Maturity first.

PRINCIPLE 2 - Jas 3:1 Teachers will judged more strictly.

PRINCIPLE 3 - Jas 3:2 We all stumble in many things.

PRINCIPLE 4 - Jas 3:2 Anyone who does not stumble in word is a mature person.

PRINCIPLE 5 - Jas 3:2 Those who do not stumble in word, able to bridle the whole body.

PRINCIPLE 6 - Jas 3:6 The tongue is a fire, a world of evil.

PRINCIPLE 7 - Jas 3:6 The tongue corrupts the whole body.

PRINCIPLE 8 - Jas 3:6 Tongue sets a person's entire life on fire.

PRINCIPLE 9 - Jas 3:8 No person can tame the tongue.

PRINCIPLE 10 - Jas 3:8 The tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

PRINCIPLE 11 - Jas 3:9 With our tongue we can bless our God & curse people.

This should not be.

PRINCIPLE 12 - Jas 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.

This should not be.

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James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you?

1. From God's perspective what is the foundation of wisdom & understanding?

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of k_____?

3. If you have the fear of the Lord you don't d_____ wisdom and instruction?

4. If you don't have the fear of the Lord you d_____ wisdom and instruction?

5. If you despise Godly wisdom and instruction you are a f_____?

6. What does despise mean?

DESPISE: To contemn; to scorn; to disdain; to abhor; to have the lowest opinion of.

CONTEMN: To consider and treat as mean and despicable.

SCORN: Extreme contempt (act of viewing or considering and treating as mean, vile and worthless).

DISDAIN: To think unworthy; to deem worthless; to consider to be unworthy of notice, care, regard, esteem, or unworthy of one's character.

ABHOR: 1. To hate extremely, or with contempt; to loathe, detest or abominate. 2. To despise or neglect. 3. To cast off or reject.

7. What does fool mean?

FOOL: In scripture, fool is often used for a wicked or depraved person; one who acts contrary to sound wisdom; one who follows his own inclinations, who prefers trifling and temporary pleasures to the service of God and eternal happiness.

Proverbs 1:28-30 Then they will call on Me, but I will not answer; They will seek Me diligently, but they will not find Me. Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord, They would have none of My counsel And despised My every rebuke.

8. God will not answer those who hate what?

9. God will not answer those who do choose the _____ of the Lord?

10. Should people call on God because they need Him or because they trust Him?

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith (trust) it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

11. The fear of the Lord means to hate e_____? What is evil?

EVIL: Having bad qualities of a moral kind; wicked; corrupt; perverse; wrong; as evil thoughts; evil deeds; evil speaking; an evil generation.

12. The fear of the Lord means to hate p_____ & a_____? What is pride? Arrogance?

PRIDE: Inordinate (Irregular; disorderly; excessive; immoderate;) self-esteem; an unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, accomplishments, rank or elevation in office, which manifests itself in lofty airs, distance, reserve, and often in contempt of others.

ARROGANCE: The quality of being arrogant (having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities).

13. If you do not hate pride and arrogance, do you have the fear of the Lord?

14. If you have the fear of the Lord you love what (opposite of pride)?

Micah 6:8 the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and **to walk humbly with your God**.

Proverbs 22:4 **By humility and the fear of the Lord** Are riches and honor and life.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, **seek humility**.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, **humility**, meekness, longsuffering;

15. What does humble mean? Humility?

HUMBLE: Lowly; modest; meek; **submissive**; **opposed to proud**, haughty, arrogant or assuming.

HUMILITY: Freedom from pride and arrogance; **humbleness of mind**; a modest estimate of one's own worth; lowliness of mind; a deep sense of one's own unworthiness in the sight of God; submission to the divine will. **Act of submission**.

Proverbs 9:10 "The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom**, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

James 3:13 **Who is wise** and understanding among you? Let him show by **good** conduct that his works are done in the **meekness of wisdom**.

16. James 3:13 If there are wise and understanding people among us, they should show it by their good _____?

17. The wise person's actions should be done in the m_____ of wisdom?

18. Why is meekness tied together with wisdom?

19. How do you do things in the meekness of wisdom?

James 3:14 But if you have bitter **jealousy** and **self-seeking** in your hearts, do not **pride** yourselves on it and thus be in **defiance** of and false to the Truth.

20. If you have bitter jealousy in your heart, should you have pride in it?

21. What does it mean to have pride in your bitter jealousy?

22. If you have pride in your bitter jealousy you are in defiance of the ____? Means?

23. If you have selfishness in your heart, should you have pride in it?

24. What does it mean to have pride in your selfishness?

25. If you have pride in your selfishness you are in defiance of the ____? Means?

26. If you are in defiance of the truth, you are in alliance with the _____?

Jas 3:15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

27. James 3:14 What kind of wisdom does not come from above?

28. Having pride in bitter jealousy is wisdom that is _____, _____, _____?

29. Having pride in selfishness is wisdom that is _____, _____, _____?

30. What is earthly wisdom? Sensual wisdom? Demonic wisdom?

James 3:16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion & every evil thing are there.

31. Confusion and every evil thing exists where there is _____ and _____ - _____?

32. Is confusion good? Evil things?

33. If we want good things in our church there should not be e_____ & s_____ -
s_____ in our church?

34. What mindset is the opposite of envy? What is the opposite self-seeking?

CONTENTMENT: Content; a resting or satisfaction of mind without disquiet; acquiescence.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content. 1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

SELFLESSNESS: Concern more with the needs & wishes of others than with one's own.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

35. Wisdom that is from above is first:

1. p_____? What does pure mean?
2. Then p_____? What does peaceable mean?
3. G_____? What does gentle mean?
4. Willing to _____? What does it mean to yield to someone else?
5. Full of _____? What does mercy mean?
6. And g___ f___? What is good fruit? Produced from what kind of tree?
7. Without p_____? What does it mean to show partiality?
8. Without h_____? What does it mean to be a hypocrite?

MICHAEL 3:17 Opposite of James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from below is first impure, then not peaceable, not gentle, unwilling to yield, full of condemnation and bad fruits, with partiality and hypocrisy.

36. Wisdom that is from below is _____?
37. Is the wisdom you seek; earthly, sensual, and demonic? How do you know?
38. Is the wisdom you seek; spiritual, rational, and Godly? How do you know?