

SESSION 1 BIBLE VERSES – KEEP IT SHUT

James 3:2-12 ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,^[a] and set on fire by hell.^[b] ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers,^[c] these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Luke 6:45 ⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Matthew 3:11¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Psalms 15 Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill? A Psalm of David. ¹⁵ O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? ² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; ³ who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; ⁵ who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

BOOK CHAPTER 1 & 2/HOMEWORK REFERENCES:

Proverbs 18:21 ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 10:12-13 ¹² Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses. ¹³ On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.

Galatians 5:16 Keep in Step with the Spirit ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Genesis 37:50 – The story of Joseph & his brothers

Genesis 39:8-9 ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

Genesis 42:1-2 Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?" ² And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die."

Genesis 50:19-21 ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people^[a] should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Proverbs 15:28 ²⁸ The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

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John 16:16-18 Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy ¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Psalms 86:15 ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Luke 4:22 ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Colossians 4:6 ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Proverbs 15:26 ²⁶ The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but gracious words are pure.

Proverbs 16:21, 24 ²¹ The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. ²⁴ Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

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