



JAMES

Lesson 10: Teachers of the Bible. Study Guide

James 3:1-2 CSB

¹ Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a stricter judgment.

² For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is mature, able also to control the whole body.

- **Practical Discipleship for Everyone.**
- **Bible Memorization. Psalm 119:11**
 - **I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.**

Last week's memory verse:

James 2:26

26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

This week's memory verse:

James 3:2

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.

James Chapter 2: Genuine faith vs. profession of faith.

“Faith is like calories: you can’t see them, but you can always see their results!” -Swindoll

James addresses the issue of the tongue:

- Chapter 1 False Theology 1:13
- Chapter 2: False Claims of Salvation 2:14
- Chapter 3: Inconsistent talk 3:9-10
- Chapter 4: Lack of genuine prayer and critical speech 4:2-3; 4:11
- Chapter 5: Swearing 5:12

Point 1: Don’t teach unless you have to.

James’ warning: Let not many of you become teachers.

- A command: Stop becoming teachers.

Teachers were highly respected in first-century culture.

Jesus:

- Rabbi (Mk 9:5; Jn 1:38)
- Teacher (Mt8:19; 12:38; Mk 5:35; 9:17, 38; Lk 7:40; 11:45; Jn 20:16).

“Wannabes”:

1 Timothy 1:6-7 CSB

Some have departed from these and turned aside to fruitless discussion. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, although they don't understand what they are saying or what they are insisting on.

A religious mindset makes you seek glory and fame for _____.

In Christianity, you crave Christ and _____ in light of His glory.

John 7:18 CSB

The one who speaks on his own seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Point 2: More responsibility means more accountability.

James 3:1 CSB

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- "many of you" - (1 Cor. 14:26-40).
- "Become" - to stop an act already in process.
- "Teachers"
 - a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:28 and 14:26.)
 - a function of pastors (1 Tim. 3:1-2; Eph. 4:11)
 - connected to NT prophets. (Acts 13:1)
 - didaskalos - master.
 - Old Testament judge (Luke 12:13)
- "stricter" greater - megas - great.
- Judgment/condemnation - krima - a decree, judgments; judgment; condemnation of wrong, etc.

(Romans 2:2, Romans 2:13, 1 Corinthians 11:29, 1 Corinthians 11:34).

The spotlight is attractive but _____.

More responsibility equals more _____.

Luke 12:48 CSB

But the one who did not know and did what deserved punishment will receive a light beating. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be expected.

God will ensure His word is taught with _____;
being _____ in word and deed.

Judgement:

- Bema seat - future
- Sickness - present

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

27 So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. ³¹ If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be judged,

Christians shouldn't assume roles in the church to

Key takeaways:

Teachers must:

- prepare diligently.
 - 2 Timothy 2:15
Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.
- live out the word of God.
- practice what they teach.
- keep learning and growing.