

James - Practical Living

6 - Words Have POWER

09:55 am **5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO**

10:00 am ****LIVE Worship –**

10:25 am ****LIVE In House Welcome –**

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

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10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor *Self Intro* -

NEXT-GEN: 9am Sundays @ Balcony -

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 6/5/2023 - Sam Awuku

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday

True North Youth Ranch - HAY DRIVE - Program Thursday

A few weeks ago we started a new sermon series called “How Then Shall We Live in the Real World”

VIDEO - Sermon Bump / Intro *The Book of James

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? How should the EMPTY Grave affect the way we live??

As we glance into the life of Jesus' own Brother Yacob or who actually wrote the Book of James.. - influenced by teachings in Proverbs & Jesus' sermon on the mount....

Let's read what he has to say about "How Then Shall We Live"

*Ever notice that sometimes in life, it's the small things that make the **BIGGEST** Difference?*



Do you remember how you felt when you had a tough day and a stranger smiled at you? Or the time you helped your neighbor carry in their groceries and how they thanked you for it? Each small acts of kindness can make a huge impact on someone's life.

Small actions often lead to giant ripples. One small action can completely change the life of someone, *who then performs an act kindness for someone else.* And the cycle continues and grows.

No matter how big or small the kindness is, it's likely to have big significance to your own mental health. According to psychologists and researchers, the smallest acts of kindness can create a rebound effect on not only the receiver's psyche but your own as well.

For example, a smile increases their level of comfort along with making them happier. It puts you in a better mood as well. That simple smile could be the reason someone is lifted out of despair.

Tiny acts of kindness can make a change in two ways; they are the catalyst for others to start invoking their own small kindnesses and they have a contagious affect on others. In other words, when we carry out tiny acts of kindness, other people see them, inspiring more kindness.

But the opposite is TRUE as well.... if we acted antagonistic, cold, & cruel we would have set off a negative ripple effect that knows no end. One that would produce destruction to no end.

Opening Prayer

This is what Yacob was referring to in James Chapter 3

James 3:1-5 NKJV

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things.

Yacob asserts that the judgment of teachers will be especially strict because greater responsibility rests on them: They teach God's word to others. He recognized that we all stumble in a variety of ways. BUT, he gives special attention to those who have a mastery of their.... *words*

Words Have POWER

If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.



4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.



Just as a rudder can set the course of direction for a ship so can the tongue set the course or direction of your life....

He conveys that those who have control over their tongues... have control over themselves.

Proverbs 18:21 New King James Version

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Luke 6:42-45 NKJV

43 “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. *For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

It has the POWER of LIFE & DEATH

See how great a forest a little fire kindles!



And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it

is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

The word translated as poison is the Greek *iós*, (pronounced ee-os'). It could also have been translated as venom, the kind emitted by serpents. Ouch!

Think about how hypocritical it is that.....

v9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” Matthew 15:11 ESV

“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matthew 12:36-37 ESV

Does anyone feel as if they could do a better job speaking words of life & edification over themselves & their situations? I thought it proper to conclude this morning w/ some sound advice from the Book of Wisdom it's self...

Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble. Prov 21:23 ESV

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Prov 15:1 ESV

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Prov 12:18 ESV

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. Prov 15:4 ESV

Words are powerful. As Christians, we must understand the power of the tongue and meditate on Bible verses regarding taming the tongue so that we always use our words to build others up, and speak life & NOT DEATH into them!

Instead of using our tongues to dismantle and destroy,let's use them to praise the Lord. If we spend enough time praising God, we won't have any left to speak destructive words.

**The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. Psalm 37:30
ESV**

Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.

Psalm 35:28 ESV

Did you learn something this morning? Did you tangibly feel His Presence?

I hope you are excited for the next several weeks as we learn to apply these teachings into our daily living... learn to walk in the newness of LIFE... ??

CALL TO ACTION

None of this will make any sense until you come to a place of asking HIM to enter into your heart. To wipe out the sin & cleanse your conscience

The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

**The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.””**

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

The New King James Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Jas 3:1–5.

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