



THE BOOK OF
JAMES
FAITH IN ACTION

Words Matter - James 3:1-12

1. Reflecting on James 3:1-12, how does James describe the power of the tongue, and why is it considered such a critical aspect of Christian maturity?
2. How can our words both reflect and contradict our faith? Can you provide examples from your own life where your words either aligned with or conflicted with your actions?
3. James mentions that with the tongue, we both bless our Lord and curse people made in His likeness. Why is it essential for Disciples of Jesus to be aware of this dual nature, and how can we strive to ensure our words are consistently uplifting?
4. Discuss the analogy James uses about the small rudder guiding a large ship. How do our words act as a 'rudder' in our lives and the lives of others around us?
5. In what ways can our control over our speech serve as a measure of our spiritual maturity? How can we actively work towards improving this aspect of our walk with Jesus?
6. Proverbs 18:21 states that the tongue has the power of life and death. How can we ensure that our words are life-giving rather than harmful? Can you think of specific instances where someone's words had a profound impact on you, either positively or negatively?
7. According to Psalm 30:11-12 and Psalm 35:28, our tongues were created to praise God. How can we incorporate more praise and gratitude into our daily conversations? What are some practical ways to use our speech to glorify God and encourage others?