New Vision Baptist Church
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THE BOOK OF JAMES:
Doing Life Well

JAMES: LIVING FOR GOD! (Part 2)

(James 3:1-5:20)

Outline of the Book of Acts (Timeline):
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I. LIVING FOR GOD IN A DIFFICULT WORLD:

LESSON #1: TRIALS ARE GOD'S WAY TO REFINE YOU! (James 1:2-5)

LESSON #2: TEMPTATION & SIN ARE AN INSIDE JOB! (James 1:12-15)

LESSON #3: DON'T JUST HEAR, DO!
(James 1:21-27)

LESSON #4: REAL FAITH RESULTS IN REAL WORKS!
(James 2:14-26)

LESSON #5: THE TONGUE IS A FIRE! _____!

1. **James 3:1-10**
2. Has your tongue ever gotten you in trouble?
3. The tongue is small but can steer the whole situation (v 4)
4. The tongue has the ability to take a normal situation and set it on fire (v 6). (See Proverbs 15:1—"a gentle answer...")
5. With the tongue we may choose to bless God and then turn & curse people (vs 9-10).
6. Illustration: A hummingbird vs a buzzard
7. So, what kind of tongue do you have with the people who are around you? Will you overlook the dead / negative things in their life to speak about the positive? Or will you choose to skip over the positive things in their life to find the one dead/negative thing?
8. THE PROBLEM WITH OUR MOUTHS: they are led by our mind & heart. **Luke 6:45—"For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."**
9. So, the real work is allowing God to alter what's in your heart.
10. Beware of speaking about and talking about the negative.

LESSON #6: HEAVENLY WISDOM OR _____ WISDOM?

1. **James 3:13-18.**
2. How do you know if you are living your life by God's wisdom or by the world's wisdom? Here is your checklist below:
3. If you are living by the world's wisdom, it will produce in you and those closest to you these attitudes:
   - Envy * Self-Seeking
   - Sensualness * Confusion
4. If you are living by God's wisdom, it will produce in you and in others closest to you these attitudes:
   - Purity * Mercy
   - Peace * Gentleness
   - A Willingness to Yield your way

LESSON #7: KEY TO VICTORY—Your Position Before _____

1. **James 4:7-8**
2. "Submit" = a military term meaning to bring yourself under the authority of or in line with God.
3. Is your life in line with God? (Your relationships? Your boundaries in those relationships? Your money and finances? Your work? What you watch and listen to?
4. "Resist" = to say no to Satan.
5. Draw near to God = pursuing Him in a daily relationship. His promise is that **He will draw near to you!**

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LESSON #8: KEY TO VICTORY—Your Connection with God's _____!

1. **James 5:13-18**
2. Why do you need the church? Why do you need God's family?
3. For help and prayer in difficult times, in sickness, etc. (Call for the elders of the church.)
4. For accountability: confess your sins to one another which leads to healing. **We cannot do this life alone!**
5. For powerful and effective prayer at all times. (see v 16). That kind of prayer accomplishes much!