

James 3

1. A) The "tongue," or what we say, is described in what way by James? (v. 3-8) B) What else did James say about this subject? Does James say we can take care of this problem ourselves or not? (v. 8) C) Does Paul agree or disagree with James in Romans 3: 10-14? D) What did Jesus say causes people to speak in ungodly ways? (see Luke 6: 43-45) Does James agree with him or not? (v. 9-12) E) Therefore, what is the real problem? What is the real solution? (see Galatians 5: 13-26) F) What is at least one practical application of this truth about the tongue that James gives. (v. 1)

G) What kind of "tongue" do you have? Why? H) Who receives the brunt of your sharp words? How do they respond? I) What have you found to be helpful in controlling your tongue? J) What should we not do when we get angry feelings in light of this chapter and James 1:19-20, 26? K) What, then, should we do with our angry feelings?

2. A) What does true wisdom, the wisdom from God in heaven, consist of? (v. 13, 17) B) What does it produce? (v. 13, 18) C) Where does earthly wisdom come from? (v. 15) D) What are two ways that it manifests itself? (v. 14) E) What are two results of this earthly wisdom? (v. 16) F) How can we recognize that someone has true wisdom vs. earthly wisdom? (v. 13) G) What kind of wisdom do you have?