

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 Sept Galatians 1:1-24 True Gospel
- 2) 09 Sept Galatians 2:1-21 True Grace
- 3) 16 Sept Galatians 3:1-22 True Life
- 4) 23 Sept Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7 True Heirs
- 5) 30 Sept Galatians 4:8-31 True Freedom
- 6) 07 Oct Galatians 5:1-26 True Fruit
- 7) 14 Oct Galatians 6:1-18 True Compassion
- 8) 21 Oct James 1:1-18 With Perseverance
- 9) 28 Oct James 1:19-27 With Obedience**
- 10) 04 Nov James 2:1-26 With Works
- 11) 11 Nov James 3:1-18 With Control
- 12) 18 Nov James 4:1-17 With Submission
- 13) 25 Nov James 5:1-20 With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

- **James 1:19-27.** More proverbial tidbits of wisdom on hearing vs speaking and vain religion vs pure religion
- Genuine belief comes with right actions – beginning with our words
- Our 2-ounce tongue can cause us more trouble in life than anything else we possess

Passage	Comments
1:19-20	<p>Quick to Hear, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 2 ears and 1 mouth for a good reason • Verbal wounds heal slowly, if at all • Our tainted speech and our outbursts of anger might seem trivial to us, but to God these 2 behaviors (evil speech and anger) need to be avoided at all costs
<p>Proverbial Wisdom to Control the Tongue Proverbs 10:19. Many words lead to sin Proverbs 11:12. A wise man knows when to keep silent. Proverbs 15:28. A wise man ponders how to answer Proverbs 16:21,23. Sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness Ecclesiastes 8:5. A wise man knows the proper time and proper way to respond</p>	
1:20	<p>Be Angry, But Sin Not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anger is a God-given emotion. Used properly it forces the angry person to take action against sin • Used improperly it tries to manipulate, control, or just simply releases hot steam on innocent victims • But such anger only makes things worse since it does not and cannot accomplish God's will
<p>BUT, How Do We Fix Tough Problems without Stern Words?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus called the Pharisees Vipers & Hypocrites Mat 23:13,33 • Jesus had to chase people out of church Mat 21:13 • Jesus even called Peter, Satan Mat 16:23 • Paul called the Corinthians a big bunch of babies 1Cor 3:1 • Paul opposed Peter face to face Gal 2:11 <p>Consider this: When we find ourselves using "strong language" are we correcting sin, causing sin, or committing sin? Know the Diff.</p>	
1:21-22	<p>Replace Bad Habits with Good Habits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21a. Put aside filthiness. James, like Paul, doesn't say we should think about our sin, talk about it, or even pray about it. He says STOP IT. Flip the switch off! • v21a. Receive God's Word. IOW, replace bad habits with good habits from God's Word <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ E.g., He that steals, should stop stealing, start working with his hands, start giving Eph 4:28 ♦ E.g., He that is angry, stop, listen, be encouraging ♦ E.g., He that _____, STOP, START _____ _____ • v22. Prove yourselves doers of God's Word HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Live It – Walk It – Talk It – Think It – Share It

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1:23-25	<p>Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v23. "natural face" – literally, "genesis" ~ we see ourselves as we really are, warts and all • Would we want to go outside with an ugly blemish? • v24. A doer of the Word of God does not forget what was heard from the word of God • We need to fix what is broke • We need every blessing we can get, so we cannot afford to live with our cancers, blemishes • Let's be on the lookout for sins that weigh us down and get rid of them
1:26	<p>Your Baby is Ugly...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James calls the baby ugly – if we use our tongue maliciously, our faith is in vain • So, how do we fix ugly problems? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ First, PRAY. Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips Ps 141:3 - HOW does God do this? ♦ Second, CONFESS 1John 1:9 ♦ Third, Repent → Commit to live a holy life - DO What it Takes → & what would that involve? ♦ Fourth, Repeat Steps 1-3 till victory is achieved
1:27	<p>Pure, undefiled Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible in its simplest form → take care of the weak and avoid sin. Who are the weak? Just anyone? • BUT, are there conditions before helping the helpless? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Prove All Things (prodigal behavior) 1Thes 5:21 ♦ He that doesn't work, doesn't eat 2Thes 3:10 ♦ Even God shows no pity to wicked orphans and widows Isaiah 9:17

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- To be a doer of the Word of God, we must be a hearer first
- And, if we love the word of God, we will be in it frequently

NEXT WEEK: James 2. Life gets complicated when we are prejudiced

