

### STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JAMES LESSON 3 (CHAPTERS 3-4)

1. What was James trying to get across when he said, "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment" (Jas. 3:1)?
2. Explain what Jesus meant when He said, "By your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Mt. 12:37).
3. James likened the tongue to two inanimate objects. What were they?
4. What point was James stressing by comparing the tongue to the two inanimate objects mentioned in question #3 above?
5. Explain Jesus' statement in Matthew 12:34, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."
6. What did Paul mean when he said in Colossians 4:6 that our speech should be "seasoned with salt"?
7. Explain the connection between Ephesians 4:29 and Colossians 3:8.
8. What was Solomon saying in Ecclesiastes 12:10?
9. According to James 3:16, when you find envy and self-seeking, what else do you generally find?
10. Explain how "life and death are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21).
11. When James says that true wisdom is "willing to yield" (3:17), what does he mean?
12. Explain James' statement (3:18), "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."
13. What does pride promote?
14. Explain the difference between "heavenly wisdom" and "earthly wisdom."
15. According to Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 3:7, what was behind the devil's temptation of Adam and Eve?
16. James 4:10 provides a cure for wrongful pride. What is that cure?
17. Explain the connection between James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:6.
18. What two things are in direct conflict, according to James 4:6?
19. What does it mean to be "of" the world, but not "in" the world?
20. Explain what James meant when he said that the wisdom of God is "peaceable."