

**James 3**

**2/28/24**

Proverbs 1:1-7

v. 5 - a wise person \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
a discerning person \_\_\_\_\_

What is wisdom?

What is the opposite?

James 1:4-6 - Who gives us wisdom?

Why do we need wisdom?

Faith - Our spiritual beliefs - we hear

Works - Our bodily actions - we do

**Controlling the Tongue - James 3:1-12**

1 - teachers will receive \_\_\_\_\_

2 - the mature are able to \_\_\_\_\_

3 illustrations for the power of our words:

v 3 \_\_\_\_\_

v 4 \_\_\_\_\_

v 5 \_\_\_\_\_

9-12 - The great contradiction \_\_\_\_\_

v 11 - \_\_\_\_\_ words spring forth from the spring of our hearts

v 12 - \_\_\_\_\_ words are the fruit of our hearts

Luke 6:45 - Out of the overflow of the \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth speaks

Matthew 12:34 - The mouth speaks what the \_\_\_\_\_ is full of

Mark 7:20-23 - What comes \_\_\_\_\_ of a person is what defiles them

**Wisdom From Above - James 3:13-18**

v 13 - Wisdom is revealed by \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:5-7- Wisdom is characterized by a *good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom*

Earthly wisdom looks like: (v 14 - 16)

Heavenly wisdom looks like: (v 17-18)

**Can you see the connection here between faith/works and controlling the tongue and Wisdom?**

## **Tools for Wise Speech**

**James 1:4-6 - Ask God for wisdom to speak life**

**James 1:19 - Be quick to listen and slow to speak**

**James 2:1-4 - Do not speak in a way that shows favoritism**

**James 2:15-16 - Back up your words with action**

**James 3:2 - Remember that what you say reflects your maturity**

**James 3:13 -14 - Examine your hearts by its fruit**

**James 3:18 - Speak in a manner that fosters peace**

**James 4:11 - Do not criticize others**

**James 4: 13-15 - Do not boast about tomorrow in arrogance**

**James 5:9 - Do not complain to one another**

**James 5:12 - Do not swear - let yes, be yes; let no, be no**

**James 5:13-14 - Pray and sing praises**

**James 5:16 - Confess your sins to each other**

***James 1:5 - God generously gives wisdom to all who ask!!***

## Speak LIFE

Loving - 2 Cor 13:1, matt 5:44  
Faithful - prov 12:22  
Controlled - gal 5:23  
Good - prov 12:25  
Joyful - prov 17:22  
Kind - gal 5:22  
Patient - gal 5:22  
Gentle - 2 tim 2:25, prov 15:4  
Peaceful - 2 cor 13:11, 1 pet 3:11  
Encouraging - 2 cor 13:11  
Affirming - 1 Peter 3:9  
Wise - prov 12:15-16, 2:6  
Gracious - prov 16:24, gal 4:5  
Reconciling - matt 5:23-24, 18:15  
Unifying - 1 peter 3:8  
Grateful - col 3:17  
Inclusive - 1 pet 3:8-9, luke 14:7-11  
Forgiving - col 3:13  
Pleasing to God -  
Humble - prov 6:2-3  
Truthful - prov 12:17,19  
Healing - prov 12:18  
Discerning - prov 16:21  
Bold/confident - Acts 28:31, 2tim 1:6-7  
Brave - deut 31:6  
Authentic - prov 30:5-6  
Righteous - prov 10:11,21  
Blessing - james 3:10, deut 30:19  
Sweet - prov 16:21  
Discrete - prov 2:11  
Judicious - prov 16:23  
Persuasive - prov 16:23  
Restrained - prov 17:27  
Restorative - gal 6:1, 2 cor 13:11  
Rejoice - 2 cor 13:11  
Agreeable - 2 cor 13:11  
Compassionate - col 3:12  
Honoring - Phil 3:8, ex 20:12

\*These flow from the Spirit that lives in us; these are beyond our human capacity. These come from a heart devoted to God.

## Speak DEATH

Lying/Deceitful - prov 12:17,19  
False witness - prov 6:19  
Cursing - james 3:10, deut 30:19  
Unforgiving - matt 18:35  
Filthy language - col 3:8  
Gossiping - prov 16:28  
Slander - prov 10:18, ps 15:1-3  
Exaggeration - Ps 120:2  
Complaining - 1 pet 4:9  
Bragging - prov 27:2, james 3:14  
Arguing - prov 20:3  
Quarreling - 2Tim 2:23  
Manipulating - prov 16:30  
Harshness - col 3:19, Prov 15:1  
Divisive - prov 6:19, gal 5:20  
Exclusive - gal 5:20  
Irritable - col 3:19  
Insincere - prov 26:23  
Displeasing to God -  
Arrogant - prov 16:5, 17:7  
Hateful - prov 10:18  
Critical - John 7:24  
Destructive - Ps 52:2  
Bitter - Psalm 64:3  
Denying - matt 10:33  
Rash - prov 12:18  
Foolish - prov 12:23, 12:15-16  
Anxious - prov 12:25  
Wicked - prov 12:5-6  
Babbling - 2Tim 2:16-17, prov 10:8  
Evil - prov 16:27  
Opinionated - prov 18:2  
Bite/Devour - gal 5:15  
Envious - gal 5:26  
Provokes - gal 5:26  
Judgemental - Rom 14:10-12  
Malice - col 3:8  
Hasty - prov 29:20

\*These are all ungodly spirits that we have allowed access to our hearts. These come from a heart devoted to the world.