



## Faith in Word and Deed

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1. James warns that teachers in the church will be judged more strictly (James 3:1). How does this affect your view of teaching or leadership roles in the church?
2. James compares the tongue to a small spark that can set a forest on fire (James 3:5). How have you seen the power of words either build someone up or cause significant damage?
3. James says that if we can control our tongue, we can control the rest of our body as well (James 3:2-4). How does self-discipline in speech help in other areas of life?
4. What influences in your life may be affecting your speech or attitude negatively? What changes can you make to ensure that your words reflect godly wisdom and encouragement?
5. James contrasts godly wisdom with earthly wisdom (James 3:13-18). What are the key differences, and how can we identify godly wisdom in decision-making?
6. Which characteristics of wisdom from above (pure, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, etc.) do you want to cultivate more in your own life?