



LESSON FIVE: Genuine Speech (James 3:1-8)

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Introduction: Christians should appreciate the practical nature of the book of James. The writer uses common sense words, illustrations, and teaching. I believe that his intention is to show that God desires us to live genuine Christian lives. With each section of Scripture we dissect, we will consider another valuable truth from the brother of Jesus, and learn how to grow in our faith. In this lesson, we will focus on genuine speech. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Directs (v.1)

- A. Christian teachers will be held more accountable.
- B. Christian teachers need to be cautious.
- C. Christian teachers receive stricter judgment.

II. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Disturbs (v.2)

- A. Christians will stumble along the way.
- B. Christians will make foolish statements.
- C. Christians must learn their place.

III. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Deceives (vs.3-4)

- A. Christians must consider the bit in a horse's mouth.
- B. Christians must consider the rudder in a ship.
- C. Christians must consider the tongue in their mouth.

IV. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Destroys (vs.5-6)

- A. Christians should consider the destructive nature of the tongue.
- B. Christians should consider the way the tongue can defile us.
- C. Christians should consider the way the tongue can cause us to be lost.

V. Wise Christians Know That The Tongue Disrupts (vs.7-8)

- A. Christians need to be like God's other creations.
- B. Christians need to learn to tame the tongue.
- C. Christians need to see the nature of the tongue.

Conclusion: This practicality of this book leads us to see things that are applicable in any age. To live genuine Christian lives we need genuine speech. Will you follow James' advice?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Speech"