

CCEM – SPRING WOMEN’S STUDY

“FAITH IN ACTION” – BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES CHAPTER 3 – STUDY QUESTIONS

(Questions from “Joyful Life” – C.C. Costa Mesa, Kay Smith)

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1. According to James 3:2, what do all of us, teachers and non-teachers alike do?

2. What 2 things does James use to compare the tongue to?

3. James 3:5a is paraphrased in the Living Bible, “So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do.” According to the following scriptures what are some of the destructive things about the tongue?

- a. Psalm 10:7 _____

- b. Proverbs 15:1 _____

- c. Proverbs 17:9 _____

- d. Proverbs 26:28 _____

4. Describe Isaiah’s experience in Isaiah 6:1-5 and how it affected his knowledge concerning himself and his tongue.

5. Meditate on Luke 6:45 in relationship to James 3:3-5a. Why is it so important to be aware of this?

6. How is the tongue described in James 3:6?

7. According to James 3:7-8 what can man tame and what can he not tame?

a. In what ways can the tongue poison friendships and relationships?

b. If you are married what is your speech to be like towards your husband? (Use scripture to support your answer.)

c. How can an unruly tongue affect our children?

8. Recognizing that the tongue is a member (a part) of the physical body, according to Romans 6:13 what is the antidote to a poisonous tongue?

9. Recall Ephesians 4:29. What difference would it make if this verse were used as a standard in all your relationships?

10. Philippians 4:8 commands us to think of only what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report and of virtue. How would the application of this scripture affect what we say?

11. Godly thoughts are not always the first thoughts that enter our hearts. Often before we translate them into words they must be refined or deleted. How does your relationship with the LORD affect the way you express your thoughts?

12. Think seriously about Psalm 139:4 as you write it here.

13. James 3:8 reminds us that no man can tame the tongue. We need Speech Therapy! We are all guilty of lips that have spoken unrighteously. What should we do when we realize that we have sinned with our tongue?

a. The Greek word for repent is *metanoeo* which means to reconsider or think differently. It represents an agreeing with GOD, a change of attitude and thus a change in action. What will be the result of true repentance from ungodly speech?

14. The Bible often instructs us that when we put off a behavior we should replace it by putting on another behavior. As we, through true repentance, chose to put off filthy communication and put on the new man (Colossians 3:8,9), write from the following verses the type of communication we are to put on. Use other versions if you desire.

a. Proverbs 15:1 _____

b. Proverbs 15:28 _____

c. Proverbs 17:27 _____

d. Colossians 4:6 _____

15. How would you describe the behavior of a truly wise woman?
