

Wisdom, Folly & the In-between

James & Proverbs

This study of James is different than our normal expository study (verse by verse). It is a “concept by concept” study allowing us to look at James in a similar way as we would look at Proverbs.

I noted 5 large themes throughout the book of James. The are...

1. God’s work
2. Faith Works
3. Our Work
4. Our Folly
5. Our Words.

Once I went through the book listing all verses under those categories, I then grouped them together to study them as a whole. The sermons outline allows James to be our guide yet looks at other areas where the themes are found allowing a “board stroke” for each sermon and leaving room for Proverbs to give us wisdom throughout.

Table of Contents







Expository Findings.....	Pg. 2
James with Themes.....	Pg. 3
Each Theme Grouped Together.....	Pg. 9
Sermon Schedule.....	Pg. 16
Articles & Resources.....	Pg. 17
Wisdom on how to love your neighbor.....	Pg. 17
1 John Vs. James; imperatives.....	Pg. 18

Main Point- Speak & Act as those who are free. Here's How....

Key Words- God 17x, faith 16x, brothers 15x, work(s) 14x, sin 13x, Judge 13x
law 12x,

Key Verses- James 2:12

FCF- Doubt, Greed, evil desires, partiality, merciless, Faith without works, words

 General  God  Key Words  Command  Truth  Sin

Verse #'s are color marked by themes

 God's Work.  Faith Works  Our Work  Our Folly  Our Words

James 1

[1] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

God's Work

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Faith Works

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Our Folly

[9] Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, [10] and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. [11] For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Our Work

[12] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Our Folly

[13] Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. [14] But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15] Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

God's Work

[16] Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18] Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Our Words

[19] Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Our Work

[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Our Words

[26] If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

Our Work

[27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 2

Our Folly

[1] My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. [2] For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, [3] and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," [4] have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? [5] Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? [6] But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? [7] Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

Our Work

[8] If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

Our Folly

[9] But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. [10] For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. [11] For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Our Work

[12] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

Our Folly

[13] For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith Works

[14] What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be

warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. [18] But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! [20] Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? [21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; [23] and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. [24] You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [25] And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? [26] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

James 3

Our Words

[1] Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. [2] For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. [3] If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. [4] Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5] So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! [6] And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. [7] For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, [8] but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9] With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. [10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not

to be so. [11] Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? [12] Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Our Folly

[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. [14] But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. [15] This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. [16] For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

God's Work

[17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. [18] And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 4

Our Folly

[1] What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? [2] You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [4] You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. [5] Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

God's Work

[6] But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Our Work

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Be wretched and

mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Our Words

[11] Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. [12] There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

[13] Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—[14] yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [15] Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

Our Folly

[17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

James 5

[1] Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. [2] Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. [3] Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. [4] Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. [5] You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. [6] You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Our Work

[7] Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. [8] You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. [9] Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is

standing at the door. **[10]** As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **[11]** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Our Words

[12] But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Our Work

[13] Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. **[14]** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **[15]** And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **[16]** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. **[17]** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. **[18]** Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

[19] My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, **[20]** let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Each Theme Grouped Together

God's Work Ch. 1

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **09.17.23**

[5b]¹ God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him **09.17.23**

[16] Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18] Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. **09.17.23**

God's Work Ch. 3

[17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. [18] And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **11.26**

God's Work Ch. 4

[6] But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **11.26**

[12] There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.² **12.10** (under Our Words)

Faith Works Ch. 1

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no

¹ Also under "Faith Works"

Also under "Our Words"

doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **09.17**

_____ Faith Works Ch. 2 _____

[14] What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

[18] But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

[20] Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? [21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; [23] and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. [24] You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [25] And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? [26] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. **11.12**

_____ Our Folly Ch. 1 _____

[9] Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, [10] and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. [11] For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

09.28.23

[13] Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. [14] But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15] Then

desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. **10.08**

_____ Our Folly Ch. 2 _____

[1] My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. [2] For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, [3] and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," [4] have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? [5] Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? [6] But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? [7] Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? **10.29**

[9] But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. [10] For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. [11] For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **10.29**

[13] For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **10.29**

_____ Our Folly Ch. 3 _____

[13] Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. [14] But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. [15] This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. [16] For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. **10.08**

Our Folly Ch. 4

[1] What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? [2] You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [4] You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. [5] Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? **10.08**

[17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. **10.1 / 10.29**

Our Folly Ch. 5

[1] Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. [2] Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. [3] Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. [4] Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. [5] You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. [6] You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. **09.28.23**

Our Work Ch. 1

[12] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. **09.17.23**

[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the

perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. **10.22**

[27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. **10.29** *(as a remedy for partiality-Our Folly)*

Our Work Ch.2

[8] If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. **11.05**

[12] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. **09.10 / 10.22**

Our Work Ch. 4

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **[8]** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **[9]** Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. **[10]** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. **12.03**

Our Work Ch. 5

[7] Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **[8]** You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. **[9]** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. **[10]** As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **[11]** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. **12.03**

[13] Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. **[14]** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the

Lord. [15] And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. [17] Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. [18] Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

[19] My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, [20] let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

12.10

Our Words Ch. 1

[19] Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **10.15**

[26] If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. **10.15**

Our Words Ch. 3

[1] Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. [2] For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. [3] If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. [4] Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5] So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! [6] And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. [7] For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, [8] but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a

restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9] With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. [10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. [11] Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? [12] Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. **11.19**

Our Words Ch. 4

[11] Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.³ There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

[13] Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—[14] yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [15] Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. **12.10**

Our Words Ch. 5

[12] But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. **12.10**

³ Partial verse about "God Works"

Sermon Schedule

09.10- Wisdom, Folly and the In-between

Intro to series, Proverbs 9 & James 2:12, James compared to 1 John and the NT "Law of Liberty".

09.17- God's Work Part 1; James 1:2-4, 5b, 16-18 & Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9, 20:24
God's work in trials for our maturity. Our response? James 1:12

09.24- Faith Works Part 1; James 1:5-8, Proverbs 3:5, 16:20, 20:6, 28:25-26
Faith & Doubt. Which "man" are you?

10.01- Our Folly Part 1; James 1:9-11, 4:17, 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:17-19, 11:24, 19:17. Greed. Jesus' has some thoughts in Luke 6:30-36.

10.08- Our Folly Part 2; James 1:13-15, 3:13-16, 4:1-5. Desires and Ambitions

10.15- Our Words Part 1; James 1:19-21, 26. Quick and sloww.

10.22- Our Work Part 1; James 1:22-25, 2:12. Action→Blessed / Persevere

10.29- Our Folly Part 3; James 2:1-7, 9-11 & 13, 4:17 Partiality w/ James 1:27

11.05- Our Work Part 2; James 2:8 w/ Wisdom on how to love your neighbor in Proverbs

11.12- Faith Works Part 2; James 2:14-26

11.19- Our Words Part 2; James 3:1-12

11.26- God's work Part 2; James 3:17-18 w/ 1:5, 4:6 & Proverbs 2:1-11
God's work of wisdom for our maturity.

12.03- Our Work Part 3; James 4:7-10, 5:7-11

12.10- Our Words Part 3; James 4:11-16, 5:12

12.17- Our Work Part 4; James 5:13-20 & 3:12

Resources/Blogs

[List of imperatives in James](#)

[The Use of the Law](#)

Wisdom on how to love your neighbor in Proverbs

Pr 3:28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.

Pr 3:29 Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.

Pr 6:1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger,

Pr 6:3 then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor: go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.

Pr 6:29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished.

Pr 11:9 With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.

Pr 11:12 Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.

Pr 12:26 One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Pr 14:20 The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.

Pr 14:21 Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Pr 16:29 A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good.

Pr 17:18 One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.

Pr 21:10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.

Pr 24:28 Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips.

Pr 25:8 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

Pr 25:9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

Pr 25:17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

Pr 25:18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

Pr 26:19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!"

Pr 27:10 Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

Pr 27:14 Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.

Pr 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

1 John Vs. James

1 John

There are 11 imperatives in 105 verses=11.55%

That means that 88.45% is indicatives (truth)

James

There are 54 imperatives in 108 verses⁴= 50%

50% is imperative

James is the "bossiest book" according to one study⁵, and 1 John? The least "bossiest"

⁴ <https://timothysparks.com/2015/06/08/list-of-commands>

⁵ <https://overviewbible.com/the-bossiest-books-of-the-bib>

