

Scripture Reading for James 3:1-12
Proverbs 12:13-28

An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, but the righteous will escape from trouble.

A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, and the deeds of a man's hand will return to him.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

A fool's anger is known at once, but a prudent man conceals dishonor.

He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit.

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy.

No harm befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble.

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.

A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly....

In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Through the New Testament
James 3:1-12
"You Are What You Say"

Introduction:

In chapter 2, James identifies the "royal law": "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The remainder of his letter tells us how to _____.

In 3:1-12, James compares the royal law with _____.

Our words can be used to _____(1)

Our words can validate _____(2)

Our words can actually _____(3-5)

Our words let others know _____(6-8)

Our words bring good or bad to _____(9-10)

Our words indicate where we stand _____(11-12)

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee, be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance
Upon thee and give thee peace.
("The Lord Bless Thee" by Chuck Butler)