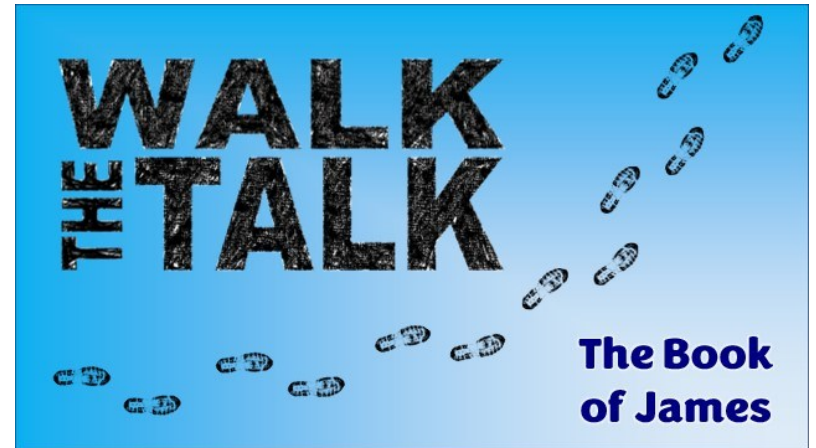


In verse 17, James states, "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." How does this principle challenge us in our daily decision-making?

What practical steps can we take to ensure that our future plans align with God's desires and guidance?



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Scripture References

James 4:11-17 • Exodus 34:7 • Matthew 7:1-5  
James 5:19-20 • Jeremiah 10:23 • 1 Corinthians 6:19-20  
Philippians 2:3-11

**Prayer Requests**

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- 1) Tearing someone else down can never \_\_\_\_\_ a person up.
  
- 2) Speaking evil towards someone refers to any form of speaking against a person, including telling the \_\_\_\_\_ in a harsh and unkind manner.
  
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ done to others through our words can last a lifetime.
  
- 4) It's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else while ignoring your own problems.

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- 5) Speaking harshly about someone else means you're speaking harshly about God's \_\_\_\_\_, and by association, God himself.
- 6) Speaking against a neighbor is to assume not only an arrogant superiority toward an equal but also to assume an arrogant superiority to the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ such behavior.
- 7) When you judge, you are looking down on others and taking \_\_\_\_\_ in your sense of superiority.
- 8) Two important principles of interpretation:
  - 1) Always consider the immediate \_\_\_\_\_ of a verse.
  - 2) Always consider the overall \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.  
 " \_\_\_\_\_ interprets Scripture"
- 9) James admonishes those who make specific \_\_\_\_\_ but leave God out of them.
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to a life of knowing that God is in control and guiding our lives.

### Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Why does James warn against speaking evil of one another? How does this advice relate to the concept of community within the church?

Can you recall a time when you judged someone hastily? What steps can you take to avoid repeating this behavior?

How can we balance making practical plans for the future with remaining humble and open to God's guidance?

Continued on reverse.