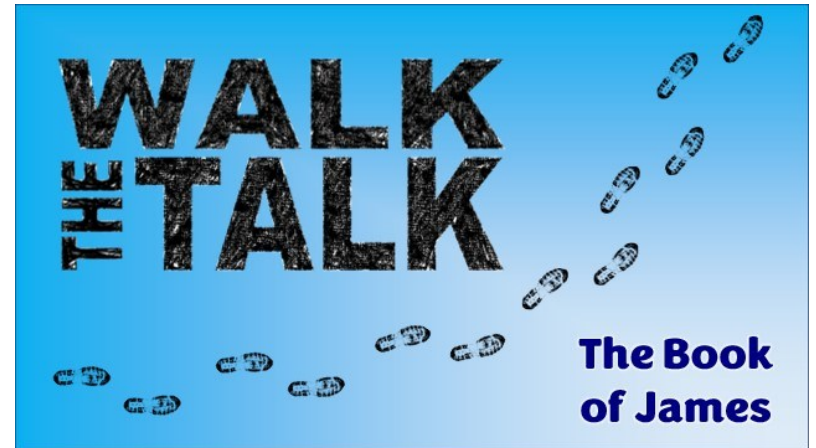


Read Ephesians 4:11-16. In this passage, what are some of the characteristics of spiritual maturity? What are some signs of immaturity?

In James 1:27, there is a command to not be corrupted (stained, polluted) by the world. What could be some characteristics of the world that James might be referring to?

Prayer Requests



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Scripture References

James 1:19-27 • Luke 8:4-15 • Ephesians 2:8-9

- 1) When we face troubles in life, we tend to take the advice James gives us and turn it around backwards: Quick to _____, quick to _____, and slow to _____.
- 2) When someone is doing all the talking, they're not doing any _____.
- 3) There are times when anger is _____, so James does not say, "never get angry," he says "be slow to anger."

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- 4) James tells us to get rid of the _____ in our lives so we can make room for the word God has planted in our hearts, because that's what will save us.
- 5) People can go to church every week for their whole life, yet never show evidence of _____.
- 6) Some churches experience _____: they forget their primary mission - to make disciples – and get caught up on less important matters.
- 7) According to Jesus (and James), we become spiritually _____ as we “hear God’s word and cling to it.”
- 8) God’s blessing comes when we live as he tells us to live - doing what God’s word says and not _____.
- 9) Good actions are not the _____ of salvation, they are the effect, the result of truly following Jesus.
- 10) _____ means God’s unconditional acceptance of those who come to him. That means you don’t have to become “good enough” to come to God. He accepts us as we are.



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 state that human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires?

Can you think of a time when your anger prevented you from acting righteously? How did it affect your relationship with others and with God?

How can we humbly accept the word planted in us, as James instructs? Why is humility important in this context?

Continued on reverse.