

12. God has always made it clear that He is not satisfied with what?
13. A common tendency of people to try to avoid doing the will of God is to hide behind what?
14. Jesus is going after what?
15. The spiritual leaders of Jesus' day had so cluttered the law of God with all their teachings and loopholes that the average person didn't what?
16. When Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of old..." He is referring to whom?
17. Jesus didn't take issue with the law of God but with the what?
18. What is the problem with what the spiritual leaders (in Jesus' day) had taught regarding taking oaths?
19. If we fail to take the words of Jesus in their context, then we could wrongly assume that Jesus is saying it is wrong to do what?
20. God made a promise with an oath to emphasize the certainty of what?
21. Jesus is basically saying, "Don't swear by anything, just..." do what?
22. If you swear by heaven, and you think that technically gives you a loophole for dishonesty, remember what?
23. What is God's footstool?
24. If you swear by Jerusalem, you are swearing by what?
25. What is despicable to the Lord?
26. Does Isaiah 29:13 describe you?
27. Why is it ridiculous to "swear by your head"?
28. It is so much easier to be straightforward and trustworthy in your what?
29. Playing games with speech to avoid or get around telling the truth is deception from whom?
30. When we make a promise with no intention to keep it we are acting just like whom?
31. If our heart desires to be honest and truthful, then we will be characterized by what?
32. James is exhorting us to be what?
33. What does James discuss in every chapter of his letter?
34. What reveals the condition of our hearts?
35. James is exhorting us to be characterized by what?
36. It is very easy to do what when you are experiencing persecution and mistreatment?
37. James exhorts us to be trustworthy in our speech and warns us by saying what?
38. If we belong to the Lord Jesus and Christ and represent Him, then it's not a trivial matter when we fail to be what?
39. For whom the Lord loves, he does what with?
40. What kind of judgment does James have in mind in his warning of verse 12?
41. Who is a truly righteous man? Who is a man of true integrity and godliness?
42. "He who swears to his own hurt and does not change," is saying what?

43. Do you let your “yes” be “yes” and your “no” be “no”?

44. Are you a person of your word?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read the book of James through one time this week.**
- 2) Read James 5 through 3 times.**
- 3) What do you think is the common view of James 5:14-15?**
- 4) Is there a possible different meaning to the idea of “healing” as talked about in James 5:15?**

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MEAN WHAT YOU SAY

James 5:12

(Series #22)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Mean What You Say.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the nightmares for every parent occurs when our little children learn how to talk and then learn how to do what?
2. Finish this statement: “Say what you mean and...”
3. The book of James has been called the what?
4. James was tremendously influenced by what?
5. How many references or allusions from the Hebrew Scriptures are there in the book of James?
6. James was also greatly influenced by the what?
7. How many allusions to the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount are there in the book of James?
8. In James 5:12, James gives an edited summary statement of what passage in Matthew?
9. What the people of Jesus’ day had been taught was the rabbinical views of what?
10. When Jesus said, “You have heard it said...but I say unto you...” He was doing what with God’s law?
11. Jesus was not contradicting the Old Testament law. He was showing us God’s intention in His law and that is for us to be what?

****To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.**