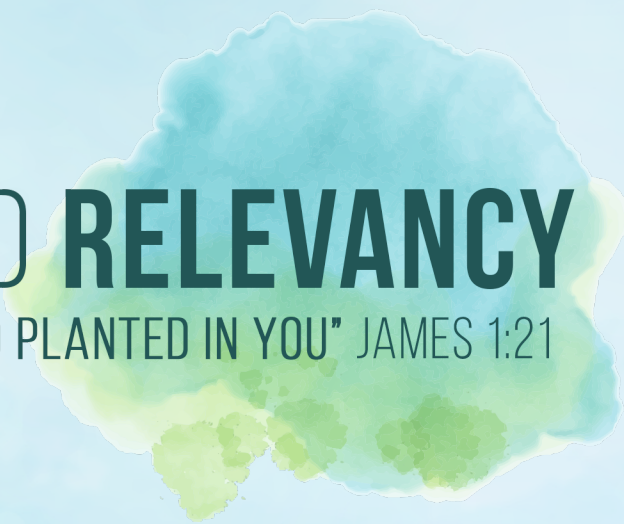


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WORD **RELEVANCY**

"THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU" JAMES 1:21

INSIGHT, INSPIRATION & INSTRUCTION

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“THE POWER OF OUR WORDS”

James 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. *NIV*

James 3:2–3 we all make many mistakes; and when we teachers of religion, who should know better, do wrong, our punishment will be greater than it would be for others. ³If anyone can control his tongue, **it proves that he has perfect control over himself in every other way.**
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VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS OF THE LAST STATEMENT:

- If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. *American Standard Version*
- And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.
Amplified Classic
- If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. *Blue Red and Gold Edition*
- But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body. *Contemporary English Version*

The way we talk... is a gauge as to who we are.....

James 3:5–6 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. *NIV*

Insight to an Element of a Spiritual Battle.

James 3:7–8 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. *NIV*

Is there a Spiritual Conflict here?

James 3:9–12 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, **this should not be.**

¹¹ Can both fresh water and saltwater flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

It is the same principle teaching of Jesus in Matthew chapter 7 about the bad tree and the good tree

A CHALLENGE TO SELF-SEARCH

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their **good life, by deeds** done in the **humility** that comes from wisdom.

Who is "Wise?"

- σοφός; sophós; skilled, someone educated, the ability to know and discern. Strongs G4680 used 21 times in the NT
- **Ephesians 5: 15–17** Be very **careful**, then, how you live—not as unwise but **as wise**, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand** what the Lord's will is.

Who has Understanding?

Understanding: ἐπιστήμων; epistēmōn; intelligent, experienced, to be endowed with knowledge of an expert. Strongs G1990 this is only place used in the NT.

Show us by how you live

Let them show: δεικνύω; deiknýō; to give evidence, demonstrate. Strongs G1165 used 31 times

Jesus said the same thing... **John 13:35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Your Actions, Works, Deeds speak louder than your words. What you do demonstrates who you are.

Good life

- καλός; kalós; something genuine, approved, morally good, worthy of honor, Strongs G2570 used 102 times in the NT
- ἀναστροφή, anastrophḗ the manner of living, conduct, behavior, demeanor, actions; manner of speaking. Strongs G391 Appears 13 times in the NT 8 times by Peter alone.

- **1 Peter 2:12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your **good deeds** and glorify God on the day he visits us.
- **1 Timothy 4:12** Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

All of this must be done in Humility that comes from the Wisdom God gives.

- Humility: πραΰτης; praÿtēs; mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness
- Strong's G4240 mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness used 3 times in the NT. 2 Times by James and once in 1 Peter 3:15.
- This spirit of humility is to be implemented and active when the Word of the Lord comes to our lives.
- **James 1:21** ...received the Word of God with humility...
- This humility comes from wisdom.... The kind of wisdom the God gives...
- **James 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their **good life, by deeds** done in the **humility** that comes from wisdom.
- Wisdom: σοφία; sophía; having the varied knowledge of human and the divine, attained by awareness, acuteness and experience. Intelligence in discovering the meaning of life, the Word and God.
- Strong's G4678 used 51 times in the NT.
- **Ephesians 3:10** manifold wisdom of God
- **Ephesians 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you a spirit of wisdom
- **Colossians 1:9** that we be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding
- **Colossians 4:5** walk in wisdom
- **Colossians 2:3** in Jesus are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.