

The Biggest Troublemaker in the Church

James 3:1-12, December 2nd, 2018

- 1.) The wrong person in a teaching position can do much _____ . False doctrine... bad examples... Putting a bad _____ upon Christians spreading and confirming the brand of, “hypocrisy”.
- 2.) The solution James puts forth is, “Let not many of you be _____.” (V:1)
- 3.) You can greatly damage a person or a church by simply using _____.
- 4.) Rule: If you don’t know it for a fact keep your mouth shut. Don’t say, “I _____...” or “I’ll _____...” or “I wouldn’t be _____ if...” And even if you know it to be a fact: Ask yourself - “Is it _____? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Is it _____?”
- 5.) When we are filled with the Holy Spirit the fruit of the Spirit is “_____”.
- 6.) It comes down to having a changed _____ under the control of the Holy Spirit that leads to a tame _____ which consistently speaks edification.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever been deeply hurt by the words of someone? Tell us about it without identifying or slandering that other person.
- 2.) Have you ever said things you greatly regretted or hurt someone with your words?
- 3.) Read today’s text (James 3:1-12) What is the theme of this text? What is the main point? What do you consider the key verse? Why?
- 4.) What do you think are the most life challenging truths taught in this text?
- 5.) Look up the following verses as time permits and discuss how they apply to today’s text and to your personal life. Proverbs 26:20-23; Matthew 12:33-37; Matthew 15:11; Luke 6:43-46; James 1:26.
- 6.) Is there anything in today’s text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.