



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 6

James 3:1-12 Scripture Handout

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(James 3:1) Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

(James 3:2) For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

(James 3:3) Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

(James 3:4) Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

(James 3:5) So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

(James 3:6) And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

(James 3:7) For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.

(James 3:8) But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

(James 3:9) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

(James 3:10) from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

(James 3:11) Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?

(James 3:12) Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?