

## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

## James 3:1-12 Application

- 1. Christians should pray and seek the Lord's will if they have a desire to teach. The Lord can help them think of good reasons if He wants them to teach.
- 2. All of us make many mistakes, and some will judge or condemn others more strictly if they are not Christians or are not acting like a Christian.
- 3. It is easier for us to guide our body in the right way than it is to guide what we say without error or sin, so James gives us much good advice.
- 4. We should never curse anyone, but we can always pray that someone we would like to curse will act and speak in ways that God and we can bless.
- 5. Knowing how much evil our tongue can do, we can pray for the Holy Spirit to help speak as the Bible teaches. For example, we can pray for the Holy Spirit to help us "be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (James 1:19).

**Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes**