



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through James 3:1-12

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for sending us the greatest Teacher of all, Your only Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We also thank You for giving us the greatest Book of all time, the Book that we can trust absolutely as Your true Word to us, the Bible. Please help us understand how to apply the Bible's truths and teachings to our lives.

Dear Holy Spirit, we ask that You keep us from all error in thought, word, and action as we seek to follow Jesus and His commandments. If You call us to teach, please guide our thoughts and words so we can teach rightly from the Bible under Your direction and inspiration. And if we face criticism, please help us correct what needs to be corrected and not become discouraged at the judgment of others. Thank You for reminding us that all of us make many mistakes, so please help us not to judge others unjustly and help us not to think we are failures when we do make mistakes. If we teach or if we try to help others, please help us pray as we should that we would not make a mistake and if we do, that You would erase our mistakes from the minds of those we seek to help, that they might not be misled.

Lord Jesus, we pray that You would guide us to pray for others who offend us rather than curse anyone, since You created people in Your image, and You died to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. Please help us bless and pray as we should for everyone. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about "Praying Through the Bible" from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own "Prayer Through the Bible" using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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