

**WEEK 2: JAMES**

**DAY 1: WHAT IS THE KING'S LAW?**

James 2:1-13

1. Last week we learned that there are two things which show clean religion. What are they?

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2. The first is to visit widows and orphans. The second is to keep yourself unstained from the world. Today we start chapter 2 of James. We will learn two things today.

(1) We sin if we treat some people better than others.

(2) The King's law says, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Last week we learned James 1:19-20. Write it here without looking in your Bible.

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3. Now look in your Bible to see if you have written it right. We want you to remember that you have two books to study. The first book is your Bible. The second is the book you are reading now. Always remember to read your Bible as you study these lessons. Take your Bible now and read James 2:1-13.

Read verse 9 again. From this verse, what do we do if we treat some people better than others?

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4. The Bible says that we sin if we do this. We sin if we treat some people better than others. We sin if we do not treat all people the same.

James says we do wrong if we give special honour to the rich people because they are rich. We also do wrong if we treat poor people badly because they are poor. It is important to respect people who are leaders. But we must remember that before God, all men are equal.

What would you do if an important government man visited your church next Sunday?

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5. We will talk about your answer in class. It is right to respect our leaders. But we must not act as if they are better before God. We must not forget people who are poor. We must not treat badly people who do not have big places.

James 2:9:

But if you show partiality (or treat some people better than others), you commit sin.

From this verse, what is one way to commit sin? \_\_\_\_\_

6. One kind of sin is to treat some people better than others. We should not do this.

James 2:1:

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

There is a man in western Kenya who is very rich. He has many wives. He does not live for God. But sometimes he goes to church. When he enters the church, the shepherd treats him in a special way. The rich man is given a big place at the front of the church. The poor people must sit on the floor. At this church, the shepherd does not treat all people the same.

If we treat some people better than others, what do we do? \_\_\_\_\_

7. James says that this is sin. It is something that is wrong. Some people do this because they think rich people will help them. I know a government man who visits many churches just before an election. This man does not live for God. But when he comes to church, he is treated in a special way. The shepherd thinks that the rich man might give much money to the church.

James 2:6-7:

But you have dishonoured the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme (or curse) that honourable name by which you are called?

From this lesson, what is one way Christians can sin? \_\_\_\_\_

8. We can sin by not treating all people in the same way. If we honour one

man because he is rich or because he is from our tribe, we sin. And if we treat others badly because they are poor or from other tribes, we sin.

There is a good way to remember how to treat people. This is the second thing we will learn today. Jesus gave his disciples a law about how to treat people. Let us learn this law.

Luke 10:27:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.

Look at James 2:8 in your Bible. Which part of the law of Jesus did James repeat?

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9. James taught the same thing which Jesus taught. Jesus taught that we should love our neighbour as we love ourselves. James also taught this.

There are some laws which are more important than others. James 2:8 talks about the royal law or the King's law. This is like a special law given by a king or a chief. This law was given by Jesus our King.

What does James say we do if we treat some people better than others?

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10. If we treat some people better than others, we sin. But a person who loves his neighbour does not do this. He loves all people in the same way. This is the way Jesus and James said we should love our neighbours.

James 2:8:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

What kind of law does James call this verse?

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11. James calls it the King's law. It is important that we follow this law. It is very easy for us to talk about love. But it is difficult for us to show love all the time. We must show love to those who love us. We must also show love to those who hate us and speak against us.

Whom should we love in the same way we love ourselves?

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12. We should love our neighbour. Who is our neighbour? Our neighbour is any person who lives near us. Our neighbour is any person whom we meet at work or at some time during the day. In other words, we should show love to everyone we meet. We should show love to everyone who lives near to us. This is the King's law.

In what way should we love our neighbour? \_\_\_\_\_

13. We should love our neighbour as we love ourselves. This is a law that Jesus gave. James wrote the same law.

What did James call this law? \_\_\_\_\_

14. He called this the King's law. It is an important law for all people to keep.

What does the King's law say? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. The King's law says, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Muriithi and Dondo lived near each other in Nairobi. They both went to the same church. Muriithi is from the Kikuyu tribe. Dondo is from the Luo tribe.

Dondo's wife became very sick. She had to go to the hospital. This cost much money. But if she did not get help from the doctor, she would die. Dondo did not have enough money. His friend Muriithi was not rich. But Muriithi loved his Christian brother Dondo. He did not want Dondo's wife to die. So Muriithi gave some of his own money to Dondo. This showed that they had Christian love.

If we love our neighbours as ourselves, will we treat some people better than others?  
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16. A person who follows the King's law will treat all people the same.

Write the King's law. \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. The King's law says, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus taught about this in Luke 10:29-37. These verses tell about the good Samaritan. The Samaritan showed love to a person of another tribe. He did not treat some people better than others.

This is a lesson you can preach about in church. You can read the verses in Luke about the good Samaritan. You can read today's verses from James 2.

Write on a paper some things that you can preach to your people from this lesson.

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18. We will look at your paper in class.

What do we do if we treat some people better than others? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the King's law about neighbours? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 2: JAMES**  
**DAY 2: FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD**  
James 2:14-26

1. Yesterday we learned about what we should do to other people.

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Write the King's law about neighbours. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Today we will learn about faith and works. We know that a man is saved when he has faith in Jesus. But today we will see that a man must do good works to show that his faith is alive and true.

Take your Bible now and read James 2:14-26.

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3. Have you finished reading James 2:14-26? Good. There is one verse in this chapter which we want you to memorize today. Do it now. It will help you with the rest of the lesson. This is the verse.

James 2:17:

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

When you have memorized this verse, cover it with your hand. Then write it here.

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4. You will be asked to say this verse in class. Be sure to remember where it is found in the Bible.

We know that a person must have faith to be saved. A person is saved when he believes in his heart that Jesus died for his sins and rose from the dead.

Ephesians 2:8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God has given us grace. From these verses, what must we have to be saved?

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5. We must have faith to be saved. We must believe Jesus. We must believe that he died for our sins. We must believe that he rose from the dead.

Romans 10:9:

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

We must confess with our lips. With what do we believe Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. This verse says that we believe with our hearts. So we cannot see a man believing. We can only hear what he says. We can only see what he does. We cannot see faith.

Musa went to a Christian school. He studied the Bible and did well in his examinations. He took a Christian name. He said he was a Christian. He said he had faith.

But Musa never went to church. He often got angry. He was not obedient to his parents. He did not often pray. Musa said he was a believer. But his life did not show that he was a believer.

Do you think that there are many people who say they are Christians but are not true Christians?

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7. I think there are many people like this. And this is what James was writing about in his letter. James says there are people who say that they have faith. There are people who say that they believe Jesus. James says that if their faith is true, they will do good works. This will show that their faith is alive and true.



Let us say that a new person comes to live in your village. He says that he is a Christian. He says that he has faith in Jesus. How can you know if his faith is alive and true?

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8. One way is to watch the things he does. You can look for good works in his life. If he helps people who are sick and have needs, this shows that his faith is alive. If he follows the word of God, it shows that he has true faith.

James teaches that we must have good works to show that our faith is alive. If we do not have good works, our faith is dead. This means that we really do not have faith.

What must we have in our hearts so we can be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. We must have faith in our hearts to be saved. We must believe Jesus. But it is very easy for people to say they have faith. It is easy for people to say they believe Jesus. James said that even the demons believe. But the demons are not saved.

James 2:19:

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder.

We must have faith in Jesus to be saved. But what does James say we must have to show that our faith is alive and true? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. James says we must have good works. Good works are the good things a person does. We do good work when we help poor people. We do good work when we visit widows and orphans. We do good work when we show love and kindness to other people. We do good works when we are obedient to God's word.

If we have good works, what does this show is alive in our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. It shows that our faith is alive. It shows that we have true faith. James says we can know if a man has true faith by looking at the things he does. A man who does not have good works does not have true faith. His faith is dead.

James 2:15-16:

If a brother or sister is ill-clad (or has no clothes) and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

If I say I believe in Jesus but do not help my brother in need, do you think my faith is alive or dead? \_\_\_\_\_

12. I think it is dead. Many people say they believe in Jesus. James says that we must believe Jesus to be saved. But he says if our faith is alive, we will also have something else.

What does James say we must have to show that our faith is alive? \_\_\_\_\_

13. James says we must have good works. We must obey the teaching of Jesus and do what the Bible says. This is what James is teaching in his letter.

James 2:18:

I by my works will show you my faith.

James 2:22:

You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works.

If I say that I have faith and I do good works, what does this show about my faith? \_\_\_\_\_

14. This shows that my faith is alive. It shows that my faith is true.

In these verses, James tells the story of Abraham from the Old Testament. The story of Abraham shows that both faith and works are important. Abraham believed God. He had faith. Because Abraham believed God, God made him righteous. But Abraham showed that his faith was true. He showed this by obeying God. When God told Abraham to sacrifice his son, Abraham was willing to obey God. Abraham had good works. This showed that his faith was alive and true.

Write James 2:17. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Look in your Bible to see if you have written this verse right. This verse says that if we do not have good works, our faith is dead. When we do not have good works, there is no life in our faith. Our faith is not true. To show that our faith is true and alive, we must obey God.

Stop now and look at your own life. You say you have faith. Do you have good works to show that your faith is alive?

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Take some time to pray about this now.

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16. Write James 2:17. \_\_\_\_\_

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What must a man have to show that his faith is alive and true? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 2: JAMES**

**DAY 3: THE TONGUE IS LIKE A FIRE**

James 3:2-12

1. Write James 2:17: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What must a man have to show that his faith is alive and true? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Find James 2:17 in your Bible. See if you have written it right. We must have good works to show our faith.

Today we want to learn something that is important for every person. We want to learn about the way we talk. We want to learn about the way we use our tongues. These are the things we will learn today.

(1) The tongue is like a fire.

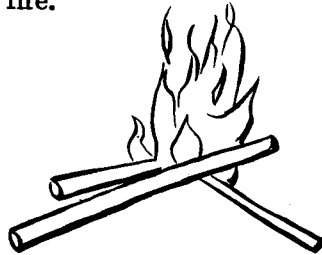
(2) If we speak evil of each other, there will be fighting in the church.

Take your Bible now and read James 3:2-12. From these verses, write one thing which the tongue is like.  
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3. There are many things you could have written from these verses. The tongue is like the iron which is put in the mouth of a horse. It is like the guiding part of a big ship. It is also like a fire.

James 3:6:

And the tongue is a fire.



A fire can destroy many things. A fire can destroy a house. A fire can destroy grain in a field.

Do you think it is important for a shepherd to rule his tongue? \_\_\_\_\_

4. It is very important for shepherds to rule their tongues. It is important for shepherds to know when to speak and when to be quiet. It is important

for shepherds to know the right things to say. This is important for all people. Look at what the Bible says about deacons.

1 Timothy 3:8:

Deacons (or church leaders) must be serious, not double-tongued.

What is the biggest thing James says the tongue is like? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. He says it is like a fire. A fire can destroy. A fire can grow big quickly. One night, while Mumbi was in bed, a fire started in her house. It started because Mumbi was smoking in bed. She fell asleep while she was smoking. The blanket caught fire. Then the curtains on the window burned. Then the whole house burned. Finally everything that Mumbi had was destroyed in the fire.



What does James say is like a fire? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. If we use our tongues in the wrong way, we can destroy people. We destroy them just as a fire destroys things. We must be careful to use our tongues in the right way. Here are some bad ways in which some people use their tongues.

To tell bad stories.

To speak evil of people.

To tell lies.

To complain against God.

You write another bad way we can use our tongues. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. We will talk about this in class. A fire can destroy things. We can use our tongues to destroy people. But fire can also be a good thing. We use fire to cook food. We use fire to keep warm. We can use our tongues in good ways

too. Here are some good ways to use our tongues.

To worship and praise God.                      To preach and witness.  
To encourage brothers and sisters.      To pray.

You write another good way to use our tongues. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. There are many ways that our tongues can be used. We will talk about them in class. We can use our tongues in good ways. We can use them in bad ways. Here is a verse from James 1 that also talks about the tongue.

James 1:26:

If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle (or rule) his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain (or useless).

What big thing does James say the tongue is like? \_\_\_\_\_

9. James says the tongue is like a fire. A fire can be used in good ways. It can be used in bad ways. The same is true with our tongues. We can use them to destroy people and cause trouble. Or we can use them to bring glory to God.

James 3:5-6:

So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature and set on fire by hell.

From this verse, who do you think sets our tongues on fire? \_\_\_\_\_

10. The fire is started in hell. It is the devil who wants us to use our tongues in the wrong way. We must be careful not to let the devil use our tongues. God will help us to use our tongues in the right way. Let us look at what King David prayed.

Psalms 19:14:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.

Who did David want to rule his tongue? \_\_\_\_\_

11. David wanted God to rule his tongue. We can also ask God to help us use our tongues in the right way.

Today we will learn one bad way in which some people use their tongues.

We can use our tongues to speak evil. If we do, we will start fighting in the church.

James 4:11:

Do not speak evil against one another brethren. He that speaks evil against his brother. . . speaks evil against the law and judges the law.

What big thing does James say the tongue is like? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. The tongue is like a fire. It is very sad when there is fighting in the church. It is like a big fire. Sometimes brothers and sisters in the church fight with each other. God is not pleased with this.

From the letter of James, what kind of speaking causes fighting in the church?  
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13. Fighting in the church starts when people speak evil against each other. Christians sometimes use their tongues to talk about each other in the wrong way. Then there is trouble.

Samueli was the shepherd of a church in a town. There was another shepherd in the same town. His name was Petro. But Samueli and Petro did not work together. Samueli told bad stories about Petro. When he visited in the homes of people, he said that Petro did not work well. Samueli spoke evil about his brother.

What happens in the church when people speak evil against each other? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. There is fighting. There is trouble. There is no love. If there is fighting in the church, the church will not grow. If there is fighting, there will not be the blessing of God. Sinners will not want to come to the church if there is fighting.

From the book of James, what is the first thing which causes fighting in the church?  
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15. It is when people speak evil of each other. This is what Solomon the wise man wrote.

Proverbs 17:27:

He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

**Proverbs 20:19:**

**He who goes about gossiping reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who speaks foolishly.**

**What will happen in the church if we speak evil of each other? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**16. There will be fighting. Tomorrow we will learn more reasons why there is sometimes fighting in the church. Today we have learned one thing which causes fighting. It is when people speak evil of each other.**

**Take time now to think about how you use your tongue. Perhaps you remember when you spoke evil of someone. Perhaps you remember the fighting which it caused. Do you believe that God wants you to rule your tongue in a better way?**

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**Stop now and ask him to help you.**

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**17. What big thing does James say the tongue is like? \_\_\_\_\_**

**From the book of James, what is the first thing which causes fighting in the church?**

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**WEEK 2: JAMES**

**DAY 4: WHAT STARTS FIGHTING IN THE CHURCH?**

James 3:13- 4:6

1. Yesterday we read verses from the letter of James which talk about the tongue.

What is the big thing James says the tongue is like? \_\_\_\_\_

From the book of James, what is the first thing which causes fighting in the church?  
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2. James says that the tongue is like a fire. One cause of fighting in the church is that people speak evil of each other. Today we will learn three more things which cause fighting in the church. Then we will know four things. We want to know these things so we can stop fighting when it starts in the church.

Things which cause fighting in the church.		
(1) Coveting	(2) Loving the world	(3) Pride

Stop now and pray. Ask God to help you to understand this lesson well. Ask him to help you not to start fighting in your church.

3. Let us see what it is besides speaking evil which causes fighting. The first thing is coveting. To covet means to want something you do not have. It means to want something in the wrong way. When people want things and do not get them, they start fighting.

James 4:1-3:

What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask but you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Read these verses again before you go on.

4. From these verses we see that some people covet things. And they do not get what they want. The verse says people ask for wrong things. Some people covet places of honour. Some people covet much money. Some people covet big names. They covet these things for themselves. They are selfish.

From these verses, some people covet wrong things. They do not get what they want. What do these people do then?

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5. These people start fighting. They start trouble in the church.

Maina was a good Christian in a certain church. He was the youth leader. But one day, Maina thought about the money given for the work of the church. He thought about the money the shepherd received. He thought about how fat the shepherd's wife was. He saw the nice clothes which the children of the shepherd wore. Maina then began to pray to become the shepherd.

What was Maina doing when he wanted the things the shepherd had? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Maina was coveting. Maina wanted to be the shepherd because he wanted the things of the shepherd. He coveted the things which the shepherd had.

God did not let Maina become the shepherd. Then Maina became very angry. He started trouble for the shepherd. He spoke bad words about the shepherd. Maina tried to make the people hate the shepherd.

What will coveting cause in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. It will cause fighting in the church. But this is not the only thing that will cause fighting.

There was something else in the life of Maina. He began to love the world. He wanted to please the people of the world. He wanted these people to like him. He also wanted the things of the world. He wanted money. He wanted a big place with honour. These are things that the people of the world look for.

Write the first cause of fighting in the church that we are learning today. Then read the second.

Things which cause fighting in the church		
(1) _____	(2) Loving the world	(3) Pride

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8. Coveting is the first cause. Loving the world is the second cause we are learning today. Maina began to love the world. When he became a friend of the world, he could not have peace in the church. He looked at things in a worldly way.

James 4:4:

Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with (or fighting against) God. Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

What do people who love the world cause in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. They cause fighting in the church. Yesterday we learned that speaking evil of each other is one cause of fighting. Today we have seen that coveting is also a cause.

What is another cause of fighting in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Loving the world causes fighting in the church. We cannot have friendship with the world and serve God at the same time. This is what Jesus taught.

Matthew 6:24:

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (or the world).

Last week we learned two things which show clean religion. I have written the first. You write the second.

(1) To visit widows and orphans.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The second thing which shows clean religion is to keep yourself unstained by the world. In the seven letters we are studying, we read much about the world. It is important that we understand what the world is.

Remember that we are not talking about the world of soil, trees, and sun. We are talking about the way sinners live. We are talking about the way sinners do things. That is the world which we should not love.

What will loving the world cause in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. It will cause fighting. Let us look at the life of Maina again. He had something else in his life. He was proud. Maina thought he knew more than the shepherd did. Maina was proud of his learning in school. He thought he could lead the church better than the shepherd. This pride in the life of Maina also caused fighting in the church.

Write two causes of fighting in the church, which we are learning today.

(1) _____	(2) _____	(3) Pride
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13. Coveting and loving the world cause fighting in the church. But there is a third cause. When Maina coveted the shepherd's money and place, he was tempted. He kept these desires. The desires led him to sin. He began to love the world. When he became friendly with the world, Maina became proud.

What did Maina cause in the church when he became proud? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Maina caused fighting in the church. He thought he was better than others. Maina thought he knew all things. He did not want anyone to teach him. He would not accept correction.

James 4:6:

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

When someone does not want to be corrected, what kind of sin is in his heart?

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What is the third cause of fighting in the church, which we are learning today?

(1) Coveting	(2) Loving the world	(3) _____
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15. Pride is a big sin. God does not like pride. He refuses proud people. He will not help proud people to get what they want. There are many kinds of pride. There is pride of learning. There is pride of tribe or clan. There is pride of position.

Think of someone you know who seems proud. Do you think he is a peaceful person?

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16. Proud people are not peaceful. They cause fighting in the church. But God does not want fighting in the church. God wants oneness and love in the church.

Psalm 133:1:

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity (or oneness).

**Ephesians 4:1-3:**

**I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Before you answer the last question, stop and pray. Ask yourself if you have any of these bad things in your life. Ask God to help you be a man of peace and oneness.**

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**17. Yesterday we learned that speaking evil of each other causes fighting.**

**Write three other causes of fighting in the church.**

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**WEEK 2: JAMES**

**DAY 5: HOW TO STOP FIGHTING IN THE CHURCH**

James 4:7-10

1. We have learned that there are four things that cause fighting in the church. First we saw that speaking evil of each other causes fighting. Then we learned three more causes.

- What are they? (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The three things are coveting, loving the world, and pride. But we do not want fighting in the church. We want love and oneness. We want to do things that will bring the church together. This is what we will learn today. There are three things we can do to stop fighting in the church.

- (1) Humble yourself before God.
- (2) Refuse the devil.
- (3) Live a holy life.

Take your Bible now and read James 4:7-10.

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3. The first thing we can do is to humble ourselves before God. What does it mean to humble yourself before God? It means to accept the trials which he lets come to you. It means to give your problems and needs to God. It means to let him do his will in your life.

James 4:7:

Submit (or humble) yourselves therefore to God.

If we humble ourselves before God, what is one thing we will stop in the church?

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4. This is a way to stop fighting. If we humble ourselves before God we stop trouble.

Pastor Sigu was accused of sinning in the church. He was accused falsely. Some people said that he delayed women in the church for sinful reasons. But he did not do this. What the people said was not true. When these words reached Pastor Sigu, he went before God in prayer. He accepted the trial. He asked God to forgive those who spoke evil. He gave the matter into the hands of God.

It would have been easy for Pastor Sigu to fight back. He could have

tried to clear his name. But he did not want fighting in the church.

What did Pastor Sigu do with himself to stop fighting in the church?

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5. He humbled himself before God. He gave his problem to the Lord. He asked God to work out his problem. This was the best thing for him to do. He could not stop the people who were speaking evil of him. He asked God to take care of what they said. He gave his need to the Lord.

When Pastor Sigu humbled himself before God and did not answer back, could there be a fight?

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6. It takes two sides to make a fight. When Pastor Sigu did not answer back, there could not be a fight. But it is not easy to do what Pastor Sigu did. Many people want to protect themselves. They want to fight to give themselves a good name. Some people even go to court to fight. But God wants us to live in peace and oneness.

James 3:16-17:

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

What is the first thing we must do to stop fighting in the church?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Refuse the devil.

(3) Live a holy life.

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7. First we must humble ourselves before God. We must give ourselves and our problems to God. We have seen how people spoke evil of Pastor Sigu. They said things that were not true about him. The devil wants to cause trouble in the church. The devil is happy when there is fighting. It is the devil who tries to start fighting in the church. The devil uses people to do his work.

James 4:7:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist (or refuse) the devil and he will flee (or run away) from you.

From this verse, what must we do to make the devil run away from us?

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8. We must refuse him. When he comes to cause fighting in the church, we must refuse him. We must not let him defeat us. We must follow God's way.

Whom must we refuse in order to stop fighting in the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. We must refuse the devil. First we must remember that it is the devil who wants to start fighting. It is the devil who wants to cause trouble. When the devil comes in this way, we must refuse him. We must not listen to his words.

James 4:7:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

If we refuse the devil, what will he do? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. He will run away from us. He will leave us. Let us think about Pastor Sigu again. Think how he felt when he heard what people were saying about him. Satan told him to leave the church. Then Satan told him to go to the homes of the people and speak strongly to them. But Pastor Sigu refused to do these things. First, he humbled himself before God.

Then what did he do? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. He refused the devil. He did not give the devil a chance to cause fighting. The devil tempted Pastor Sigu. He was tempted to speak strong words to the people who spoke evil. But he refused the devil. He did not follow the temptation.

When Jesus was tempted, he refused the devil. The devil then left Jesus. Jesus will help us to refuse the devil too. The devil is afraid of the power of Jesus.

If we refuse the devil, where will we stop fighting? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. We will stop fighting in the church when we do this. These verses in James tell us another way to stop fighting. We must live a holy life. A person who lives a holy life has a clean life. He has a clean heart. He lives near to God.

James 4:8:

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

Write the first two things we must do to stop fighting in the church. Then read the third thing.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Live a holy life.

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13. We must humble ourselves before God and we must refuse the devil. But that is not all. We must live a holy life. A person who lives a holy life has "clean hands". This means that he uses his hands to do the work of God. He does not use his life to do wrong things. He uses his life to bring glory to God. A person who has clean hands lives a holy life.

Will a person who lives a holy life take part in fighting in the church?

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14. This kind of person will not cause fighting in the church.

What kind of life must we live if we do not want to start fighting in the church?

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15. We must live a holy life. A holy life is a life that pleases God. James says that we must have clean hands and a pure heart. We must get rid of sin in our hearts. We must not do sinful things. And we must not have sinful thoughts. We must have thoughts that are clean. A pure heart means that we are full of the love of God. It means that we do not have sin in our lives.

If you live a holy life, what will you stop in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. This is one way you can stop fighting in the church. It is sad when there is fighting and trouble in the church. But sometimes it happens. It happens when we do not humble ourselves before God. It happens when we do not refuse the devil.

What is the third thing we must do to stop fighting in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

17. We must live a holy life. Pastor Sigu had a pure heart. He had clean hands. He lived a holy life. He did not think evil of others. He loved his enemies. He prayed for them. He asked God to forgive their sins.

When we have sin in our lives it is easy for Satan to cause trouble in the church. When we let sin come in, it is hard for us to refuse Satan. But if we are careful we can live a holy life. And we can stop fighting in the church.

The writers of this book feel that this is an important lesson. We believe that in some places this is a big problem. If you have trouble with fighting in your church, what do you think you should do? Write what you think here.

18. Write three things James tells us to do to stop fighting in the church.

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