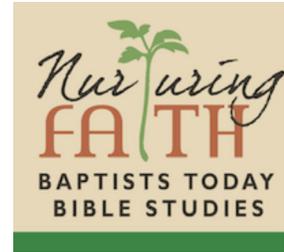


Youth Teaching Resources

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Serious Church

True Faith — James 2:1-26

Pure Speech — James 3:1-12

Highborn Wisdom — James 3:13-4:10

Fervent Prayer — James 5:13-20

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Highborn Wisdom

James 3:13-4:10

YOUTH Teaching Guide

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TEACHER PREPARATION: YOUTH AND THIS LESSON

The students we serve face a lot of conflict. Many of these conflicts are minor, but some of them are serious and have life-altering repercussions. Students can either take a stance of fear or one where they feel confident in the decisions that they have to make. Many times when students make decisions out of fear, the best decision is not made. But we also need to be careful about having our students make decisions out of confidence. The confidence they make their decisions with is not out of their own power and ability, but knowing that they rest with God with humility. What are ways that you can empower your students to make wise decisions based on a humble walk with God?

TEACHING THE LESSON

Fellowship

Before your session begins, go to the following (<https://9thmitchell.files.wordpress.com/2013/08/shakespearean-insults-and-compliments.pdf>) and download the file with Shakespearean insults and compliments. As your students arrive, allow them to search through the pages to create their favorite compliment and insult. When each student has their favorite compliment and insult, have them share with the group. After everyone has had the opportunity to share, facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What was your favorite insult and compliment that wasn't your own? Explain.
- 2) Why do we insult each other? Why do we compliment each other?
- 3) What are other ways we can respond when we are fearful?
- 4) How can our faith help us to not be afraid and feel more confident?

Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading James 3:13-4:10. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON, printed in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What are the two kinds of wisdom according to James?
- 2) What is the root of each of these wisdoms? How do these roots of wisdom reveal where the wisdom usually leads to?
- 3) What was the root of the dissension in the church? How did James address it? How do you see this in the church today?
- 4) What hope does James provide for his readers of his letter?
- 5) What ten things does he instruct the early followers of Jesus to do to have a closer relationship with God? How might you follow these to have a better relationship with God?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in “Digging Deeper” and “The Hardest Question” (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide).

Transformation

Conclude your session by showing the clip “Kill Me or I Kill You” from *The Quick and the Dead*. (You will want to stop the clip at the 2:45 mark.) If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it to the best of your ability and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What decision does Cort and The Lady have to make?
- 2) Why do you think Cort decides to shoot and The Lady doesn't?
- 3) What decisions do you have coming up that will alter your future?
- 4) How will you go about making these decision?
- 5) How will the decision be different if it was made out of fear or with confidence?

Close with a prayer asking that the decisions that we make our made with the wisdom of God.