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James 3:1-12

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* Is your heart full of worshipful **G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or raging **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**? (v. 9-12)
* Is your life producing the **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the Spirit (self-control) or the **W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the flesh (conflict)? (Galatians 5:16-23)

* Your words **S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** who you become (v. 2b-6)
	+ To manage your words you must manage your **E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(v. 2; Matthew 5:5)

* + If you are **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in what you say (and don’t say) you will become more loving in **A\_\_\_\_ y\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_** (v. 2-4)
	+ Sin grows like a **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**; godliness grows like a **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** v. 5-6

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