

# The Warrior's Character





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Kingdom Warrior's primary purpose is to equip local churches in ministry to men and through men. We accomplish this mission by providing the church with men's ministry conferences, workshops, seminars, coaching, training services and ministry tools. After each ministry event, Kingdom Warrior supplies resources, consulting, coaching, and training to help churches implement an ongoing disciple making ministry to and through men.

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The Lord is a warrior (Exodus 15:3) who is fully equipped and trained to do expert warfare against His enemies in heaven and on earth. Consequently, His men are expected to be warriors equipped for similar warfare (Ephesians 6:11). If you are a Christian, you know there is a raging war for the souls of men and the welfare of their families.

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Making disciples incorporates visioning, harvesting, and building in men after conversion. This is not an easy task. Fortunately, Christ provided an example for the church by training His men. At the end of His earthly ministry, He commanded them to go make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The need was great then; the need is great today.

There are three sections in this series: *The Warrior's Way*, *The Warrior's Character*, and *The Warrior's Mission*. Properly taught they develop spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry skills.

*The Warrior's Way* provides an overview of the basics in the Christian life. It is designed for men to learn how to live as true believers who face life as good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

*The Warriors Character* focuses on the qualities of a man's walk with God. This section provides an examination of character issues like bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness.

*The Warrior's Mission* gives an overview of how the early church grew through evangelism and witnessing. It challenges men to find their ministry calling and continue in ministry for a life time.

Developing depth in spiritual growth, godly character, and ministry service are the foundation issues of discipleship. Mature disciples work the ministry to fulfill the Great Commission: "To make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This series is

designed to equip men with the know-how required to obey Christ's command given to all disciples as well as equip them as soldiers of the cross.

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# The Warrior's Character

You can learn to perform the actions of a Christian disciple and still not have a vibrant relationship with God. Why? Because performing well can give you the impression you are doing well. Performing well makes you look good on the outside. Godly character is formed on the inside. Character is what makes you do the right things, think the right thoughts, and say the right kind of words even when no one is observing your life. After becoming a new creature in Christ, God expects you to develop a nature, personality, and moral fiber that reflect a right relationship with and thereby live a biblical based life in public and private.

The purpose of this bible study is to help you form the right kind of character as you grow in your walk with God and develop brotherhood with other men. It covers twelve essential areas:

1. Live by the Spirit - Galatians 5:1-26
2. Pursue Holiness - 1 Peter 1:13-2:3
3. Practice Godliness - Ephesians 5:1-21
4. Imitate Christ's Humility - Philippians 2:1-18
5. Acclaim Christ's Supremacy - Colossians 1:15-29
6. Be a Godly Man - 2 Timothy 2:14-3:9
7. Do The Right Thing - Titus 3:1-15
8. Love Like a Man –1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
9. Develop Proper Relationships – Ephesians 5:21-6:9
10. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:1-29
11. Reside In God's Will - Romans 12:1-21
12. Watch Your Tonuge – James 3:1-18

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you need to develop godly character. The more time you spend with God, the more your character will reflect the attributes of Christ.





# 1. Live by the Spirit



The spiritual fruit you produce is behavior manifested from God's presence in your life. As a sanctified man, you need to learn to bear the fruit of the Spirit and crucify your old sinful nature. Your sinful nature produces spiritual death, but the Holy Spirit produces living fruit.

**Bible Study: Galatians 5:1-26**

Read Galatians 5:1-26 and answer the following questions.

1. What is the difference between freedom and slavery? (v 1).
2. Why is circumcision a problem for the church at Galatia? (vv 2-4).  
(See Genesis 19:9-14 and Galatians 2:15-16)
3. How can a man of God make his life count for something? (vv 5-6).
4. What is Paul's opinion of men who distort God's truth? (vv 7-12).
5. Why do men struggle with bearing spiritual fruit? (vv 13-15).
6. How does the Spirit of God relate to mans sinful nature? (vv 16-18).

7. Below is a list of behaviors located in verses 19-23. Get a dictionary and record a brief definition for each one.

Sexual Immorality
Impurity
Debauchery
Idolatry
Witchcraft
Hatred
Discord
Jealousy
Fits of rage
Selfish Ambition
Dissensions
Factions
Envy
Drunkenness
Orgies
Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness

8. Take your pen and mark the top two behaviors you want to see God change in your life.

**Scripture Memory: Galatians 5:22-23**

*Live by the Spirit*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**Application:** You have two alternatives: follow God’s Spirit or follow the sinful nature. Through the Holy Spirit you can overcome the sinful nature and serve God by bearing spiritual fruit. Although you are the one who bears the fruit, God’s Spirit produces it.

Review the two behaviors you selected on the previous page. Pray over each one and then use the space below to create a corresponding application.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2. Pursue Holiness



God begins a sanctifying work in you through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit. When you practice purity, you experience new revelations regarding your former way of life. Pursuing holiness is the removal of your principles, habits, and dispositions that reflect your old style of living.

**Bible Study: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What are some ways a godly man can prepare his mind for action? (v 13).
2. Why does Peter remind them of evil desires? (v 14).
3. Can a man be holy, like God is Holy? (vv 15-16).  
Yes / No.

Why or why not?

4. What does it mean to live your lives as strangers? (v 17).

How does silver and gold compare to Christ's precious blood? (vv 18-19).

5. What happened to Christ to set Him apart forever as the only true Messiah? (vv 20-21).

6. How does a man grow in purity? (v 22).
  
7. What elements are involved in an individual being born again? (v 23).
  
8. What does it mean to be born again? (v 23).
  
9. According to verses 24-25, what things are eternal?
  
10. How do you rid yourself of bad behaviors? (v 2:1).
  
11. What are the parallels between maturing as a man and maturing as a Christian? (vv 2:2-3).
  
12. How does Leviticus 11:45 relate to 1 Peter 1:15-16?

## Scripture Memory: 1 Peter 1:15-16

### *Pursue Holiness*

*but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

**Application:** When you enter into a correct relationship with God, His holiness sanctifies your life. The more you grow in your relationship with God, the more your life will be like Christ. God calls you to be humble before Him and to lead a life as close as possible to the life He lived.

How can you work on becoming a more holy man of God? Be specific.

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Battle for Holiness* by Jerry Bridges (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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### 3. Practice Godliness



Practicing Godliness is a discipline that focuses upon devotion to God and is central to living an obedient life. You can grow in godliness by continually relating to God through more knowledge, sincere veneration, honest affection, total dependence, full submission, true gratitude, and quick obedience to God's word.

**Bible Study: Ephesians 5:1-21**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What does it mean to imitate God? (vv 1-2).
2. How can a person appear ungodly? (vv 3-4).
3. Why is it important to live a pure and moderate life? (v 5).
4. What should your reaction be to people who try to influence you with thoughts that are contrary to the Bible? (vv 6-7).
5. How does living in light compare to living in darkness? (vv 8-10).

6. What are fruitless deeds of darkness? (vv 11-12).
  
7. What does God promise regarding the differences between light and darkness? (vv 13-14).
  
8. Describe the way a Christian man should live his daily life? (vv 15-17).
  
9. How does being drunk relate to being filled with the Spirit? (v 18).
  
10. What are ways the Spirit is seen in a man's daily life? (vv 19-20).
  
11. Why is it important to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ? (v 21).
  
12. How does Galatians 5:22 relate to Ephesians 5:9?

**Scripture Memory: Ephesians 5:8-10**

*Practice Godliness*

*for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

**Application:** The world actively demonstrates hate toward God. As a Christian, you need to work at loving God by increasing your practice of godliness. You will grow in godliness by putting on your new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Think through your notes from this study and ask God to help you with at least one area of godliness. Record your application below.

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## 4. Imitate Christ's Humility



Jesus is your supreme example of humility. Although divine by nature He did not selfishly demand His divine rights. Instead, He gave up the glory of heaven to live as a human being. Even then, He did not seek royal treatment but took on the servant's role. Furthermore, He obeyed the Father's plan and died for your sin.

### **Bible Study: Philippians 2:1-30**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What behaviors should be demonstrated by men who are united with Christ? (vv 1-2).
2. How does a man learn to put others ahead of himself? (vv 3-4).
3. Describe the ways a man can have the same attitude as that of Christ? (vv 5-11).
4. What does it mean to work out your salvation with fear and trembling? (v 12).
5. In what way does living life relate to God's sovereignty? (v 13).

6. Why is it important for all godly men to not complain or grumble?  
(vv 14-16).
  
7. What was Paul's reaction to suffering for others? (v 17).
  
8. Describe the godly attributes of Timothy. (vv 19-24).
  
9. Describe the godly attributes of Epaphraditus. (vv 25-28).
  
10. How should you view godly men who are on the cutting edge of living for Christ? (vv 29-30).
  
11. How does Romans 12:10 relate to Philippians 2:3-4?

## Scripture Memory: Philippians 2:3-4

### *Imitate Christ's Humility*

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Application:** To become a godly man, you need to have the same servant attitude as Christ. You can demonstrate a servant attitude by looking for ways to put other people's welfare and interests ahead of your own.

Humility is not easy to develop. Take time to pray and ask God to help identify an area in your life where you can demonstrate what you learned in this study.

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## 5. Acclaim Christ's Supremacy



Christ is supreme to you and everyone else. He is the image of the unseen God through whom God created the world. He is Lord over all, and all nature is united to Him. He rules the Church and has provided reconciliation for all creation. He is God, He is man. He is Lord of the living and Lord of the dead. He is your Lord.

**Bible Study: Colossians 1:15-29**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. How does Colossians 1:15 relate to Genesis 1:27?
2. What was Christ's role during creation of the world? (vv 16-17).
3. Why is it important to recognize Jesus as Lord as well as Savior of all mankind? (v 18).
4. How are sinful men reconciled to a holy God? (vv 19-20).
5. What alienates a man from God? (v 21).

6. What is God's view of men who are reconciled to Him through Christ's death on the cross? (v 22).
  
7. How should a godly man live his life? (v 23).
  
8. What does it mean to suffer for the sake of the Church? (v 24).
  
9. What are the elements every man of God should use when he shares the gospel with others? (vv 25-27).
  
10. What is the mystery that has been disclosed to the saints? (vv 26-27).
  
11. Why is it important to proclaim Christ as Lord? (v 28).
  
12. Who does Paul rely on to complete his ministry? (v 29).

## Scripture Memory: Colossians 1:18

*Acclaim Christ's Supremacy*

*And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

**Application:** Through the saving power of the gospel, you can experience Christ's supremacy. For a godly man, there is no greater cause than to become perfect in Christ and then to help others do the same thing. To do this, you must live life totally surrendered to Him.

Spend a few minutes in prayer and ask God to show you an area in your life that needs to be in submission to the Lordship of Christ. Record your application below.

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## 6. Be a Godly Man



Do you like a good argument? In the early church, some people tended to like arguing. While having an honest debate can be healthy, God's word points out that if you enter into godless chatter and vain arguments you will become ungodly. Arguing does not produce the righteous life God desires for your life.

**Bible Study: 2 Timothy 2:14-39**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What develops when you constantly argue and quarrel with others? (vv 13-14).
2. What does it mean to be a workman who correctly handles God's word? (v 15).
3. How is a person impacted when they engage in constant godless chatter? (v 16).
4. Describe the sins of Hymaneus and Philetus. (vv 17-18).

Why is it important for godly men to turn away from wickedness? (v 19).

5. What are the desires of youth that tend to be evil? (vv 22-23).
  
6. How should a godly man deal with argumentative types of people? (vv 24-25).
  
7. What is the goal for a godly man who confronts people in sin? (v 26).
  
8. What similarities can you see in this description of the end times and how we actually live our lives today? (vv 3:1-5).
  
9. What does it mean to have a depraved mind? (vv 3:6-9).
  
10. How does verses 20 and 21 relate to Romans 9:20?

## Scripture Memory: 2 Timothy 2:24-25

### *Be a Godly Man*

*And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,*

**Application:** If you spend time acting ungodly, you will develop more sin and problems in your life. If you spend time working on godliness, you will develop a more Christ like character.

Think through the context of your speech to other believers and non-believers. Identify any relationships in which you have demonstrated ungodly types of behavior. Commit the relationship to God and create a plan to change your conduct.

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## 7. Do the Right Thing



As a Christian man, you are to live as a representative of God in an ungodly world. This ungodly world will test your commitment to walk with God everyday of your life. It is important for you to learn how to act and react. God has placed you where He wants to use you for His kingdom.

**Bible Study: Titus 3:1-14**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What do you consider as the biggest ethical problem with men in today's society?
2. How should Christian men live their daily lives? (vv 1-2).
3. When is it OK to disobey governmental laws? (v 1).
4. Before you knew Christ, what controlled your motives, actions and relationships? (v 3).
5. What happens to men who come to the saving knowledge of Christ? (vv 4-7).

6. Who is involved in bringing men to the salvation? (vv 4-7).
  
7. What does it mean to trust in God? (v 8).
  
8. Why is it important to avoid controversies and arguments? (v 9).
  
9. When is it appropriate to put a relationship on hold? (vv 10-11).
  
10. How does Paul demonstrate his care for the men in his ministry?  
(vv 12-13).
  
11. What are some ways you can learn to devote yourself to doing good? (v  
14).
  
12. How does John 12:36 relate to Titus 3:8?

## Scripture Memory: Titus 3:8

### *Do the Right Thing*

*The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.*

The way you respond to those in authority over you is one way the world will know you are different. Only in circumstances where actions clearly violate God's word are you to protest and or exercise civil disobedience.

**Application:** What one thing could you do to improve your witness through moral and civic responsibility?

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## 8. Love Like a Man



Sacrificial care should be the main goal for all of your relationships and the foundation for all of your ministries. Unfortunately, if you are like most men, you are poor at demonstrating biblical concern for others. It is important for you to know God's definition of sacrificial care and apply it to your life.

### **Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. How does the world define love in terms of caring for others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Looking at the first three verses, describe the importance of love as it relates to speaking in tongues, sharing prophecy and sacrificing your self for a greater cause?
  - a. Speaking in tongues. (v 1).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Sharing prophecy. (v 2).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Sacrificing your self for a great cause. (v 3).

What are the attributes of love as it is defined in God's Word?

- a. (v 4).

b. (v 5).

c. (v 6).

d. (v 7).

3. Why is it important to demonstrate biblical love in all of your programs, processes and activities? (vv 8-10).
4. How should men view love as they mature into adulthood? (vv 11-12).
5. Why is biblical love greater than faith and hope? (v 13). (see 1 John 4:16-19)

## Scripture Memory: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

### *Love Like a Man*

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

To love others, requires that you die to yourself. It is an attitude of personal humility and devotion to the good of others. In essence, this is what Christ did for you. All your Church programs, processes, and actions mean nothing if you do not show biblical love to others.

**Application:** Think about your current relationships. Which ones do you need to improve the way you demonstrate biblical love? Write down the name and create an application for the next time you are with that person(s).

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Love* by Walt Henrichsen (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## 9. Develop Godly Relationships



When you become a true believer, you enter into the family of God. God becomes your father, and every saint becomes your brother and sister. God has stipulated in His Word a standard of proper conduct as you relate to others in and out of His family. Having proper interpersonal relationships is critical to live as a godly man.

**Bible Study: Ephesians 5:21-6:9**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. What is at the core of every relationship for a godly man's life? (v 21).
2. Describe the way a wife should behave toward her husband's leadership of the home. (vv 23-24).
3. How does a man's love for his wife relate to way Christ loved the church? (v 25).
4. What happens when a man lives a sacrificial life toward his wife? (vv 26-27).
5. Describe ways you love yourself. (vv 28-30).

6. How does getting married relate to being a member of the Church? (vv 31-33).
  
7. Read verses 6:1-3. Describe children and parent relationships. When does a man stop being an obedient son? Explain your answer.
  
8. What does it mean to exasperate your children? (v 4).
  
9. Paul uses the word slave in verse 5 and master in verse 9. Today we could just as easily say the words employee and employer. How should an employee behave at work? (vv 5-8).
  
10. How should an employer relate to his employees? (v 9).
  
11. How does 1 Peter 5:5 relate to Ephesians 5:21?

## Scripture Memory: Ephesians 5:21

*Develop Godly Relationships*

*submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

**Application:** The apostle Paul provides you with three types of relationships: Husband and wife, children and parents, and employers and employees. All three require an attitude of love and sacrifice for the benefit of others.

Think about how you relate to the members of your family at home and your associates at work. In light of this study, identify at least one relationship you need to change so that it reflects biblical values. How will you react the next time you are with this person?

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Relations with Others* by Henry Brandt (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## 10. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus



No one likes to endure difficulties in life; however, this is how God builds into a man's character. Storms are turbulent and in the midst they do not always appear beneficial. God's discipline is designed to lead His people back to Him, build faith, and prepare for the future. Jesus is the ultimate example of a disciplined life. During all of His persecution and troubled times He lived an obedient life. Christian men need to bear up under trials and to keep going especially when the going is tough.

### **Bible Study: Hebrews 12:1-29**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. When is a Christian under persecution in America?
2. How does a man run the race God has marked out for him? (vv 1-3)
3. What word pictures is the author using to communicate the need for men to resist sinning? (vv 4-6).
4. Describe the attributes of God's discipline? (vv 7-13).
5. List the potential areas where men need discipline. (vv 14-17).



## Scripture Memory: Hebrews 12:2

*Look to Jesus*

*looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Application:** When God calls His men to a life of kingdom soldiering He expects His soldiers to express thanks and properly worship no matter what their situation or experience. It takes a committed man to constantly fix his eyes on Christ, honor God, and obey His Word.

All of God's men need discipline. Take a look through your notes. List an area where you need to develop godly discipline. If you need help developing this kind of application, ask a man you trust or someone who is already helping you live a godly life.

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## 11. Reside in God's Will



The world is constantly trying to shape the way you think. As a godly man you are to be a living sacrifice. To be a living sacrifice requires transformation. Transformation takes place when you spend time in God's word and apply it to your life. The more time you spend with God, the more your mind becomes transformed. The more you transform your mind, the more you will reside in His will.

### **Bible Study: Romans 12:1-21**

Answer the following questions from the Bible study text.

1. Why is it important that you live as a spiritual sacrifice? (v 1).
2. What does it mean to transform your mind through renewal? (v 2).
3. How should you view your life and acts of sacrificial worship? (vv 3-4).
4. What are the gifts listed in verses 5-8?
5. Which one is closest to your personality?
6. In what ways are you using your gifts to serve God?

7. The character of a godly man is reflected in how he treats others. Read verses 9-16 and identify the ways a serving man of God can apply his gifts and abilities in every day life.
  - a. (v 9).
  - b. (v 10).
  - c. (v 11).
  - d. (v 12).
  - e. (v 13).
  - f. (v 14).
  - g. (v 15).
  - h. (v 16).
8. How should you treat those who treat you poorly or attack you with persecution? (vv 17-21).
9. How does Ephesians 4:22-24 relate to Romans 12:2?

## Scripture Memory: Romans 12:2

### *Reside in God's Will*

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Your mind is transformed when you spend time with God. If you are a transformed man, you will treat people with care and concern. To live in God's will requires that you transform your mind, sacrifice for others, and be a responsible steward with whatever God has given you.

**Application:** Look back over your notes. Narrow down whether being a living sacrifice or loving others is the greatest need in your life today. Write an application to improve your biggest area for growth.

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**Optional:** Go to [www.discipleshiplibrary.com](http://www.discipleshiplibrary.com). Search for, download, and listen to *Thoughts on God's Will* by Henry Brandt (available by MP3 download or play using streaming audio). What did you learn?

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## 12. Watch your Tongue





4. How does cursing a human being relate to cursing God the creator? (v 9).
  
5. What does James say to every believer? (v 10).
  
6. Describe how relationships with men reflect our relationship with God? (vv 11-12).
  
7. What are some ways a man can demonstrate godly wisdom and understanding? (v 13).
  
8. What are ways a man demonstrates a lack of godly wisdom and understanding? (vv 14-16)
  
9. How do men who live humble godly lives benefit themselves and other people? (vv 17-18).

## Scripture Memory: James 3:9-10

### *Tame the Tongue*

*With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

God's wisdom saturates life with qualities that cement good relationships with other people.

**Application:** Words control our relationships with other people. Unfortunately sinful men sometimes use words that discredit their Christian confession before the members of their families and the people in their office. Prayerfully consider who you have spoken too that needs to hear your humility and repentance or in some cases your reproof and confrontation. Make a plan to work on strengthening the relationship.

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## Summary

In this section, you acquired knowledge and experience regarding the pursuit of holiness and practice of godliness. You should be able to:

- Bear spiritual fruit
- Remove sinful habits and patterns from your life
- Practice godly behaviors that glorify God
- Acclaim Christ is Lord as well as Savior of your life
- Be a godly man in an ungodly world
- Do the right things at home, at work, and in your community
- Demonstrate biblical love to believers and non-believers alike
- Look to Christ for forgiveness, guidance, and discipline
- Develop godly relationships at work, at home, and in the community
- Seek and reside in God's perfect and pleasing will for your life
- Build solid relationships by controlling the tongue and seeking to apply godly wisdom

Bearing spiritual fruit, pursuing holiness, and practicing godliness are life-time goals for the serving man of God. Make them part of your everyday life, the rewards are eternal.