

Living with Integrity

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JAMES
FAITH / WORKS

WARM UP

What is one of your most and/or least favorite games to play?

COMING UP

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Ministry Update Call with Tom Barlow Sunday, May 2 • 12:10 p.m. • MC 3–4 • To RSVP by April 28, visit GracePolaris.org/Barlow or text “Barlow” to 614-888-7733.

How to Share the Gospel with the Nations Saturdays, May 8, 15, & 22 • 3:00–5:00 p.m. • MC 4
To register for just \$10 by May 6, visit GracePolaris.org/Nations or text “Nations” to 614-888-7733.

Spring Work Day Saturday, May 15 • 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Outdoors (Rain or Shine) • To RSVP by May 12, visit GracePolaris.org/WorkDay or text “Workday” to 614-888-7733.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you’re praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 James commands believers to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry (1:19). What are some examples where you’ve seen this wisdom ignored or embraced? What does it reveal about our hearts when we don’t heed James’ instruction?
- 2 How does a Christian “humbly accept the Word” planted in them (1:21)? How does a heart drawn to sin impede the work of God’s Word? Why do you think so many professing believers struggle to spend time in God’s Word?
- 3 Why is being a “doer” of the Word and not a “hearer only” so important (1:22)? What keys to being a “doer” do we find in this week’s passage?
- 4 What is the “perfect law that gives freedom” (1:25)? What does this law produce? If we fail to treasure and apply this law, what does it say about us and our understanding of it?
- 5 In what ways are we susceptible to deceiving ourselves (1:22, 26)? What calls to obedience are you ignoring? In what ways are your “good” actions and projections empty and worthless? How will you take steps toward obedience and integrity this week?
- 6 What is meant, culturally, by “being religious,” and how does James describe it (1:26,27)? In what ways should Christians be religious? Explain. How can you better control your tongue, care for those in need, and cultivate a pure heart?
- 7 How is James’ call to obey different from a call to work to earn favor and right standing with God (a works-based righteousness)?

PRAY

Pray that God would give you increased hunger for, humility under, and obedience toward His Word.