

Sunday, September 21, 2025
James: Walking in Truth in a World of Darkness
James 5:12

Scripture passage: Judges 11:29-40

1. Recognize that _____ is the norm.

2. Guard against _____.

*"You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the Lord."
Leviticus 19:12*

"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.'³⁴ But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil."

Matthew 5:33-37

3. Commit to _____ in all areas, always.

*"O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
² He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.
³ He does not slander with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
⁴ In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the Lord;
He swears to his own hurt and does not change;"*

Psalm 15:1-4

4. Recognize that our words _____ the state of our hearts.

Doing the Word:

- **Revere God's name.**
- **Take care with what we say and how we say it; tone matters.**
- **Speak truthfully, courageously, carefully, and clearly.**
- **Recognize that our words are indicators of the disposition of our hearts.**
- **Cling to Christ.**