

Self Assessment for James 3.13-18

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1. What is the evidence in your life of problems with your tongue? [circle appropriate response]

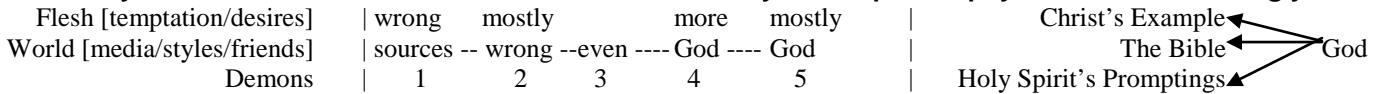
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| † cussing | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † gossip | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † criticism | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † name calling | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † lying | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † sarcasm | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † meanness | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |
| † harshness | frequently ----- | daily ----- | sometimes ----- | rarely ----- | almost never |

2. Jealousy= resenting the success of others & being unsatisfied with your lot; selfish ambition= desire for self-promotion strong enough to lead you into sinful means. In which areas of your life are you afflicted with these?

[5 = very much; 3 = somewhat; 1 = not much at all]

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| † career/income | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † social status | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † vehicle | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † house/property | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † toys/luxuries | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † lifestyle/leisure | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † influence | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † looks/style | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † spouse/children | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † accomplishment | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |
| † other | jealous of others ___ | dangerously ambitious ___ |

3. What do your answers above indicate about the sources of your life philosophy? Who is influencing you?



4. What should you personally do better to get more wisdom from God and less from elsewhere?

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| † Spend <i>more</i> quiet time with God | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Spend <i>more</i> time doing what makes you feel close to God | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Spend <i>more</i> time studying in the Bible | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Work <i>more</i> on taking scripture to heart | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Be <i>more</i> sensitive to the Holy Spirit | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Submit <i>more</i> to the Holy Spirit | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Pray <i>more</i> for wisdom [and expect an answer!] | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Pray <i>more</i> for humility and contentment | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Pray <i>more</i> for transformation of character | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Reevaluate priorities and reallocate resources [\$/time/effort] | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Be <i>more</i> immersed in Christian community | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Get <i>more</i> discipleship from spiritual leaders | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Watch <i>less</i> [or <i>better</i>] television/movies | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Read <i>better</i> books/magazines | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Listen to <i>better</i> music | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Spend <i>less</i> time with friends who are bad influences | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Flee <i>better</i> from situations which feed temptations | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |
| † Think <i>less</i> about selfish desires | high priority --- | medium priority --- | low priority |

James' Two Kinds of Life Philosophy [James 3.13-18]

Source:	Culture, Flesh, Demons [v.15]	God [v.17]
Content:	Bitter jealousy, Selfish ambition [v.14]	Purity, peacemaking, gentleness, reasonableness, mercy and service, impartiality, sincerity [v.17]
Results:	Disorder, Vile practices [v.16]	Peace, Righteousness [v.18] Humility for self [v.13]