

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Matt. 23:2; 27:50; Acts 7:59; Luke 12:48; 16:19-31; 1 Cor. 3:12-15
Pr. 15:1; 18:21; 29:11; Eph. 4:29; 5:4; Col. 4:6; Rom. 14:9

Reflection & Discussion

1. Consider/discuss James’ final examples in chapter 2: *Rahab* (v. 25) and the *lifeless body* (v. 26):
 - a. How would you explain that Rahab was “justified by her works”?
 - b. The statement “so also faith apart from works is dead” is often represented as: “if you don’t show good works in your life, it means you’re not saved”. Is that a correct conclusion?
 - i. How would you explain James’ meaning?

2. In James 3:1-6, believers are exhorted to *tame their tongues*:
 - a. Why is this important?
 - b. What makes it difficult to do, and how do we overcome those difficulties?
 - c. Where in Scripture do you find the *destructive power* of speech? Where is speech used *constructively*?