

Checklist for Leaders from James 3

Name: _____

Leadership Quality	No evidence			Clear evidence	
	1	2	3	4	5
This leader demonstrates control of their tongue.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader uses their tongue to bless people.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader does not curse people.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader speaks without hypocrisy.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader makes people stronger with his/her tongue.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is life-giving.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader causes peace in their relationships.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is gentle.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is accommodating.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is full of mercy to those who are hurting.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is pure in thoughts and actions.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is consistent (not hypocritical).	1	2	3	4	5
This leader is just.	1	2	3	4	5
This leader has positive results in his/her life	1	2	3	4	5
This leader seeks godly wisdom	1	2	3	4	5

**The Book Of James - "Grow Up: Moving On To Maturity"
Spiritual Leadership
James 3:1-18 (page 848)
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Spiritual Leadership is shown in words, wisdom and works.

Intro: Why does James say that not everyone should be a teacher?

- The temptations of a teacher
- The results of following the wrong teacher

1. A Spiritual Teacher has control over his w o r d s. (vs 3:1-7)

- a. How have you been hurt by w o r d s?
- b. Four word pictures about the tongue
 - i. Bit – U n t a m a b l e
 - ii. Rudder – Guides our whole b o d y and l i f e
 - iii. Match – potentially d e s t r u c t i v e influence
 - iv. Poisonous snake – d e a d l y to those around us

Application:

1. Choose your leaders wisely for they will determine the f u t u r e for you and our church
2. Choose your words wisely for your l i f e c o u r s e will be determined by it
3. How do we gain control over our tongues?
 - a. S t o p and t h i n k – Don't let the flesh speak first
 - i. Lizard Brain
 - ii. Fundamental Error of Attribution (Matt 7:1)

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2. The words of a leader reveal his/her heart. (vs 3:7-12)

a. Springs flow from their source

(Prov. 4:23-24, Prov. 18:4, Prov. 10:11)

i. Bitter or Sweet

ii. Fresh or salty (Prov. 12:18, Prov. 18:21)

b. Branches grow from their roots.

Application:

1. Check your leaders for consistency.

2. Don't promote leaders too quickly.

3. I need to check my own fruit.

3. The Wisdom of a Teacher is revealed in his/her life results.
(vs 3:13-18)

a. A Godly leader will evidence Godly wisdom

i. Godly Wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, accommodating,
full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical

b. An ungodly leader will evidence worldly wisdom

i. Worldly wisdom is bitter, jealous, selfish, boasting, lying, demonic

c. A leader's effectiveness is seen in those he/she leads

i. Worldly leader – Disorder, evil practices

ii. Godly Leader – Peace, righteousness

Application:

1. What are the fruits of our leaders?

2. What are the fruits of potential leaders?

3. What is the fruit of my life?

4. What will I do about my fruit?

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