



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church
 - We are not a perfect people
 - We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!
- CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him Known!**

Announcements

- **Next Sunday July 10 – Missions Trip Report 9:45-10:25 A.M. in the main sanctuary.**
Coffee and Donuts –
- **July 17 Danielle will share in the service about her missions work in the Middle East.**
- **July 24 Baptism service. Fill out a connection card if you want to be baptized.**
- **No KidzXP for July**

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible (did you add to it this week)?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story with a non-believer?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

James 1

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

- **The challenge to the believer is:
Listening Ears...Self-Control (Tongue &
Emotions)... Obedience to the word of God!**
- **We have been seeing over and over in scripture
challenges of listening/hearing!**
- **It's not just hearing noise but hearing/listening is
receiving something and applying what you hear!**
- **James says “*quick to listen, slow to speak*”**

- **Anger... yes, it is an emotion and it is part of who we are. The Bible has much to say about it and we tend to be quick to speak and slow to listen when it comes to this subject.**
- **We respond quickly with our excuses and reasons for anger to have its hold on our lives!**
- **Anger itself is not a sin. “19...*slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*”**

Ephesians 4:26 *“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry”*

- Here again we see that anger itself is not a sin but what you do with it is the key to it either being under control or becoming sin by controlling you!
- If you have an anger problem... it comes from another problem and you need to give that to God and invite Him in to speak peace over the source of your anger!

Galatians 5:22-24 “...*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

- The “*fruit* (singular) *of the Spirit is* (not are)...” meaning they are all one and should be producing in each of us as believers!
- The natural produce of the Holy Spirit!

James 1 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

- **This is what I love about James... the challenge here is simple! Don't just listen, say Amen, and go on with your life!**
- **Application (obedience) to what God's Word says is the key!**
- **This is why at the end of the message we have "Action Steps" ... it doesn't do any of us any good if all we do is hear a message from God's word and it doesn't shape or change us!**
- **Obedience is application!**

James 1 26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

- Again the challenge is to check our tongue!!
- It's obvious most of us have a mouth issue!
- A tight reign = Control (*ONLY a disciplined horse gets a loose reign - You keep a tight reign on an undisciplined horse because anything can happen*)
- A loose tongue defeats our relationship with God!

James 1 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

- **To care for the widow and orphan is to care for those who cannot take care of themselves!**
- **It also is being done with pure motives as orphans & widows don't have a way to give you something back or produce something for you.**

- *“Keep oneself from being polluted by the world”*
- **Self-disciplined living!**
- **Remember last Sunday in the message we saw the temptations in life as a chance to apply God’s word and to push through the challenge with perseverance?**
- **The reliance on our faith to Trust God through the situations we are facing!**
- **We must be fully surrendered to God and living the holy life of obedience to Him!**

Action Steps (Life Application)

- **Do you have a tongue issue? (*Are you quick to listen and slow to speak?*)**
- **Are you self-controlled?**
- **Are you Obedient to the word of God?**
- **Do you have an anger issue?**
- **Have you said “Amen” to the things you do & then “ignored” what you have just heard & don’t do?**
- **Are you fully surrendered and walking in obedience?**