NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!

Lesson 4

James 2:14-26

Faith without works is dead ...

"Someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without works and I will show you faith from my works." - James 2:18

Ephesians 2:8 & 9

James 3:1 - You ARE a teacher!

Proverbs 18:21

James 3:2

James 3:3

MY VERBAL BOUNDARIES

- 1 I don't get to lie or exaggerate
- 2 I don't get to put someone else down even in jest -
- 3 I don't get to gossip about others made in the image of God
- 4 I don't get to hang out with people who gossip or are negative
- 5 I don't get to tell my side of the story just to make myself look better
- 6 I don't get to murmur or complain or whine
- 7 My tongue will always be used as an instrument of praise!

MY SOCIAL MEDIA BOUNDARIES

- 1 I don't get to lie or exaggerate
- 2 I don't get to put someone else down even in jest
- 3 I don't get to gossip about others made in the image of God
- 4 I don't enter into conversations with others who gossip
- 5 I don't get to tell my side of the story just to make myself look better
- 6 I don't get to murmur, complain, whine or be negative
- 7 My tongue, my pen and my keyboard will always be used as an instrument of praise!

Proverbs 18:21

James 3:5a

James 3:5b & 6

- 1 Do something in a practical sense for someone this week.
- 2 Speak a blessing over someone.

DAILY ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

- <u>DAY 1 Read James 2:14-26.</u> Make a list of at least 5 times in the past when you have given practical help to someone in need. Now, make a list of at least 5 people who need your help in a practical way today. Over the course of the next few weeks, follow through with these people.
- <u>DAY 2 Read James 2:14-26 again.</u> What do you and demons have in common? How does that make you feel? Now how do you and demons differ? Make a list of at least 10 ways that you and demons differ!
- **DAY 3 -** Read James 3:1-6 Who are you currently teaching with your life? What do you desire to teach them? Perhaps you should make a lesson plan!
- <u>DAY 4 -</u> Read James 3:1-6 again. Read over the Verbal and Social Media Boundary list. Do you need to add more things to that list? In what areas of your verbal life do you stumble?
- <u>DAY 5 -</u> Read James 1:-21 and choose a verse from this passage to memorize. Begin today! Write it out on a card or in your notebook and begin the process of memorization.
- **DAY 6 -** Read Psalm 29. What is the theme of this Psalm? What new insight did you learn from reading this Psalm?
- **DAY 7 -** Read Psalm 30. What did the psalmist say in verse 6? What does that phrase mean to you? What did the Lord do for the Psalmist in verse 11?