

GROWTH GUIDE

READ & RESPOND

Today's focus is going to be on putting the principles of the biblical text into action.

Begin by reading James 3:1-12 in its entirety.

Evaluate

1. Do I desire to lead and teach in areas that I should not? Do I attempt to influence others with my words when I should not?

2. Have I used my tongue in negative and hurtful ways this week (this includes things "said" on social media)? Who have I hurt with my words? What do I need to do to reconcile that relationship?

Act

1. Look at the first "evaluate" question. If you have influenced someone negatively or undermined an authority with your words, repent and reconcile. Write a prayer of repentance. Reach out and confess to those affected.
2. Look at the second "evaluate" questions. If there is someone you hurt with your words, repent and reconcile. Write out a prayer of repentance. Reach out and confess to those affected.
3. Write out and recite a praise to God.
4. Write or call someone and give them a word of encouragement.