



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
PROMISING GOD'S WAY
JAMES 5:12

Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - January 2, 2022

1. Feel _____
(v. 12a)

James 5:12 (ESV)
12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

2. Make _____
(v. 12b)

3. Earn _____
(v. 12c)

4. Fear _____
(v. 12d)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read James 5:12 and Matthew 5:34–37.** Based on your sermon notes, why do you think Jesus and James were so concerned with their audience taking oaths? What might the equivalent of those concerns look like in our modern-day?
- After studying James 5:12, will the commitments and promises you make carry more weight? How will this change how you make commitments to your spouse, children, coworkers, and fellow believers in the church?
- 3. Read Romans 1:9.** When you make promises to men, are you conscious that you're simultaneously making that commitment to God? How can you grow to be more aware that your word is ultimately linked to God's name when you carry the title of Christian?
- As a Christian, you should have the type of reputation that others see a contract with you as a formality because your word is valuable. Do you have that reputation? How can you grow to have a better reputation for integrity among fellow believers and the world?
- Spend some time with a spouse or another believer who is a close friend. Ask each other this: "Is my word valuable? When I say I'll do something, do I follow through? How do you think I can grow in this area?" Spend some time discussing both of your answers, and then pray for God to grow you to be more like Christ continually in the area of integrity.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Taylor, Fredrick Howard. *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*. Moody Publishers, 2009

Bunyan, John. *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*. Aneko Press, 2018.

MacArthur, John. *The Vanishing Conscience: Drawing the Line in a No-Fault, Guilt-Free World*. Thomas Nelson, 2005.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that this church will have a reputation for following through on its promises.
 Pray that in 2022 those who attend Compass Bible Church will pray more than ever before!
 Pray for God to grow our view of Him by studying His attributes in the Spring of 2022.
 Pray for God to provide the servants needed to start a third service on January 8th and 9th.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	N.T.
1/3	Genesis 4-7	Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38
1/4	Genesis 8-10	Luke 1:5-25
1/5	Job 1-3	Luke 1:26-56
1/6	Job 4-7	Luke 1:57-80
1/7	Job 8-10	Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20
1/8	Job 11-14	Luke 2:21-39