

Integrity: What Do You Have to Say About It? – James 5:12

### My Story

1. Were you ever promised something as a child, but it didn't come to pass? What happened?

### Digging Deeper

2. James has repeatedly called us to control our speech/tongue (See James 1:26, 2:12, 3:2-11, 4:12 and 5:12). Why does James emphasize this so much?
3. Read Matt. 5:33-37. What is Jesus' main argument against such elaborate swearing? How is this similar to what James says in our passage (v.12)?

4. Read Matt. 23:16-22. It appears people were coming up with clever ways to avoid having to honor their promises. In what ways do we see this same thing happening in our world today?

### Reflection

5. We live in a culture with a high tolerance for lies. Why is it important for Christians to be people who speak the truth?
6. How are you at keeping your word – letting your “yes” be “yes” and your “no” be “no?” If there is room for improvement, what can you do to work on it?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

Take time this week to read Deuteronomy 23:21-23. Ask God to help you identify any areas in your life where you need to be better about honoring your commitments, and seek His help to make changes.

## Praises / Prayer Requests

