

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Communication

**Verse:** James 1:19-21

**Jr. Discussion Starter:** Do you know what these words mean? Righteousness, filthiness, rampant, wickedness, meekness, implanted, soul. How could we be slow to speak?

**Discussion Starter:** Why are Christians told to be slow to speak and slow to anger? How could putting away filthiness and wickedness help that effort? What could we do as a family to be more patient with each other?

**Verse:** James 1:22-25

**Jr. Discussion Starter:** Grab a mirror. Have your young child look into it and tell you what they see. Have some fun with it and then apply the lesson from v24 about forgetting who we are.

**Discussion Starter:** Can you explain what the perfect law (the law of liberty) is? What does it mean to you to persevere? In what ways can we deceive ourselves as Christians? Can you name some specific examples. Ask your teen to spend some time looking in the mirror and praying about the person God is making them.

**Verse:** James 1:26-27

**Jr. Discussion Starter:** Do you know what these words mean? Religious, bridle, deceives, undefiled, affliction, unstained. When we control the way we talk and act, what does that say about us?

**Discussion Starter:** If you are rude, crude, and hurtful with your words, how would this impact the way people view you as a person? What are some ways we can work to control the things we say and the language we use? What are some things that we as a family could do for widows?

**Verse:** Proverbs 15:1-2

**Jr. Discussion Starter:** Give your child an example of a soft answer and a harsh word. Ask them which sounds nicer and why the harsh word might make things worse. Explain what wisdom is and say a prayer asking God to give your entire family wisdom in the words they use.

**Discussion Starter:** Mark Twain said, "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." How does this fit with the verse we just read? What does foul language say about us?

**Verse:** Proverbs 15:4-9

**Jr. Discussion Starter:** Ask your child why they think you teach and correct them. What did this passage say about someone who ignores their parent's instruction? Why does trouble follow those who do bad things?

**Discussion Starter:** This section of scripture could be talked about for many nights. Pick your favorite verse and really talk about it. For example, you could give examples of when you disobeyed your parents instruction and what happened. How you've learned the hard way, etc.