Using the **S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.** Tool

The **S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.** tool is much more than a clever acronym! If used *humbly*, creatively, and trustingly, it can be a really powerful and transformative means of conviction, transformation, and the life change we are looking for.

Together, let’s discuss the potential value of each tool.

**What is the value of reading a scripture and asking...**

- Is there a **SIN** to confess?

- Is there a **PROMISE** to claim?

- Is there an **ATTITUDE** to change?

- Is there a **COMMAND** to obey?

- Is there an **EXAMPLE** to follow?

- Is there a **PRAYER** to pray?

- Is there an **ERROR** to avoid?

- Is there a **TRUTH** to believe?

- Is there **SOMETHING** for which to praise God?

**Which ones of these intrigues or excites you?**
James 1:19-21 (NLT)
19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. 21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

James 1:19-21 (Amp) and **Literal Translation
19 Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. 20 For man’s anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires]. 21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to heal your soul safe.

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**Practicing S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.**
In this exercise, use one of these two translations or your own if you prefer. Fill in the blanks where ideas come to mind. Answers are good and better... this is not a test.

After you fill them in, take a couple of minutes and let the Spirit move you to the one(s) that will move you to change.

Is there a Sin to confess?

Is there a Promise to claim?

Is there an Attitude to change?

Is there a Command to obey?

Is there an Example to follow?

Is there a Prayer to pray?

Is there an Error to avoid?

Is there a Truth to believe?

Is there Something for which to praise God?
**S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S Tool Homework**

**James 3:2-12 (NIV)**

> 2 We all stumble in many ways. Those who are never at fault in what they say are perfect, able to keep their whole body in check... 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire...

### Rules:

- There is no Right Way, only Good, Better, Best.
- **The Win** is a changed life or perspective, not finishing the project.

### Suggestions:

- Think about how you will implement it and do it
- Share it with someone this week

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In this exercise, use Biblegateway-way.com or read a couple of translations that you might have. Meditate and think about James 3:2-12 over the next week or two. If there are one or two that stand out, focus more on them. Watch how God changes your heart. Share what you learned with each other!

If you feel led, use one or two if the **The Ps Tools**

- **Picture it!** Visualize the scene in your mind
- **Pronounce it!** Emphasize each word aloud
- **Paraphrase it!** Write it down in your own words
- **Personalize it!** Put your name in the verse
- **Pray it!** Pray the verse back to God