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7. James is teaching that those who listen well and consider their words WISELY breathe truth and healing into people's lives.
8. The responsibility all Christians bear is to speak TRUTH with love and gentleness, in order to challenge people to accept or reject God's truth.
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