

## James 3

### I. Dangers of the tongue (words). Vs. 1-12

A. Be not many masters (teachers). Vs. 1

B. Greater responsibility goes with teaching. Vs. 1

Romans 2:21 “Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?”

C. With many words you will offend all. Vs. 2

1 Peter 3:10 “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”

Matthew 12:37 “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

D. Control your words and you will control your whole body. Vs. 2-5

1. Horses are controlled by small bits in their mouths. Vs. 3

2. Large ships are controlled by a small helm. Vs. 4

3. Your body is controlled by a small tongue (word). Vs. 5

E. The tongue (words). Vs. 5-12

1. The tongue is small. Vs. 5

2. It boasts great things. Vs. 5

3. It produces a great fire. Vs. 5

4. It is a world of iniquity. Vs. 6

5. It can defile the whole body. Vs. 6

Matthew 15:19-20 “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.”

6. All animals can be tamed. Vs. 7

7. No man can tame the tongue. Vs. 8
8. It is an unruly evil. Vs. 8
9. It is full of deadly poison. Vs. 8
10. It can bless God and curse men. Vs. 9
11. If the tongue blesses God, it should not curse men. Vs. 10
  - a) A fountain cannot have sweet and bitter water. Vs. 11
  - b) A fig tree cannot bear olives. Vs. 12
  - c) A vine cannot bear figs. Vs. 12
  - d) A fountain cannot have salt and fresh water. Vs. 12

## II. True and false wisdom. Vs. 13-18

A. Wisdom is revealed by words and action. Vs. 13

B. False wisdom. Vs. 14-16

1. Bitter envying and strife. Vs. 14
2. Earthly. Vs. 15
3. Sensual. Vs. 15
4. Devilish. Vs. 15
5. Confusion. Vs. 16
6. Every evil work. Vs. 16

C. True wisdom. Vs. 17-18

1. From above. Vs. 17
2. Pure. Vs. 17
3. Peaceable. Vs. 17
4. Gentle. Vs. 17
5. Easy to be entreated. Vs. 17
6. Full of mercy. Vs. 17
7. Full of good fruits. Vs. 17
8. Without partiality. Vs. 17
9. Without hypocrisy. Vs. 17
10. Fruit of righteousness sown in peace. Vs. 18