

## Faith Tames the Tongue

James 3:1-12

**MEMORIZE: James 2:12-13**

*"You are master of the unspoken word, a servant to the spoken word and a slave of the written word."* -- Puritan quote.

**Read: James 3:1-12 before answering these questions"**

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1. James gives us an exhortation and warning in verse 1, why should we hesitate before teaching God's word?
2. It is interesting to note that James says that all of us stumble in many ways, but he doesn't use it as an excuse. Often people say, "Well, no one's perfect" or "I'm only human." Both are feeble excuses to rationalize behaviour. James states it as a fact of life, so how should you respond when you encounter these excuses and have you used them yourself?
3. Why is the man who can control his tongue considered perfect? (Note: James 1:2-4)
4. What point is James trying to make with the horse and bit illustration and the ship and rudder illustration?



## ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

1. Have I exposed myself to any explicit materials this week?
2. Have I fulfilled my personal goals for prayer, scripture reading and memorization this week?
3. Am I aware of any unconfessed sin(s) in my life?
4. Have I been completely above reproach in all my financial dealing this week?
5. Have I been a good steward of all the resources God has given me (Money, time, talent, etc.)?
6. Do I have anyone I need to forgive?
7. Have I been involved in sins of gossip, demonstrating a critical spirit, or jealousy?
8. Have I been with anyone this week in such a way that was inappropriate or could have looked to others that I was using poor judgment?
9. Have I stood for Christ in the marketplace in which I work this week?
10. Have I taken every opportunity to share Christ with my unsaved family, friends and co-workers?
11. In what ways have I demonstrated love and respect to my spouse this week?
12. In what ways have I sought to have spiritual input with my children this week?