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## Tame Your Tongue

James 3:1-18

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### Your Tongue is Powerful

James 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a stricter judgment. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is mature, able also to control the whole body.

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James 3:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Now if we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we direct their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> And consider ships: Though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

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James 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things. Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest. <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

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James 3:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish is tamed and has been tamed by humankind, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

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### Your Tongue is Restless

James 3:8

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James 3:9-10

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue **we bless our Lord and Father**, and with it **we curse people who are made in God's likeness**.

<sup>10</sup> **Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouth**. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way.

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### Your Tongue Exposes Your Heart

James 3:11-12

<sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers and sisters, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water.

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### Your Tongue Exposes Your Heart

Matthew 12:34

For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

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Matthew 12:33

A tree is known by its fruit.

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James 3:14

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition **in your heart**, **don't boast and deny the truth**.

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### Your Tongue Acquits or Condemns

James 3:13

Who among you is wise and understanding? By his **good conduct** he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from **wisdom**.

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### Your Tongue Acquits or Condemns

James 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.

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### Your Tongue Acquits or Condemns

Matthew 12:36-37

<sup>36</sup> I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak.

<sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

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Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.

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Matthew 10:32-33

<sup>32</sup> Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven.

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### YOU NEED A NEW HEART

James 3:14-16

<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.

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James 3:17

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