
Studies in the Book of James

Power of the tongue (3:1-12)

Lesson #7, Sunday, February 17, 2019

I. Review

1. Summarize James' teaching concerning faith and works. (2:14-26)

II. Questions

1. Why should *some* brethren *not* become teachers? (3:1)
2. What is the "stricter judgment" for teachers who don't control their speech? c.f. 1:19, 26
3. Who is a perfect/mature man?
4. How does one who does not stumble in word "bridle his whole body"?
5. What illustrations does James use to help us understand how the tongue can control the whole body?
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6. Of what does the tongue boast?
7. He writes that the tongue is like a fire and describes its power in several ways. What does he mean by the following?
 1. How great a forest a little fire kindles?
 2. "A world of iniquity"?
 3. "Defile the whole body"?

4. "Sets on fire the course of nature"?
5. "Set on fire by hell"?
8. Why can't the tongue be tamed?
9. Since we can't tame our tongue, how can we avoid misusing it?
10. How does he illustrate how inconsistent we are when we curse men? (9-12)

III. Good uses of our tongues.

1. Our tongues are not all bad. There are many good uses of the tongue. determine them from the following passages and add any that you think are important.
2. Prov. 25:11
3. Prov. 11:30
4. Prov. 15:4
5. Prov. 31:26
6. Prov. 15:1
7. Ps. 37:30
8. Ps 35:28
9. Ps. 119:171-173
10. Acts 8:12
11. Eph. 4:29
12. Col. 4:6