


# **Taming The Tongue**



**James 3:1-12**


**Tongue:**

- Reveals the heart of a person
- Is the most difficult part of the body to control





**Why does James warn teachers?**

**Teachers will be judged more strictly (3:1)**




**What is the perfect man?**

**The person who never commits sins of speech (3:2)**



**A man who controls his tongue can control his whole being (3:3)**



**The tongue is like a fire:**

**The destructive potential of your tongue is like a great forest set on fire by a small spark (3:5-6)**



**Tame your tongue:**

- Animals can be tamed, but the tongue can't be tamed by man (3:8)
- Our tongue can be tamed by applying the Word of God into our lives, by prayer, and with the help of the Holy Spirit

**Be consistent in using your tongue:**

**You should not praise God and curse people with the same mouth (3:9-12)**



**5 Steps to tame your tongue:**

- Be quick to listen and slow to speak (1:19)
- Keep a tight rein on your tongue (1:26)
- Do not speak against one another (4:11, 5:9)
- Speak only what is true (5: 12, Matt. 5:34-37)
- Surrender your tongue to God (3:8)

**Speech Therapy:**

- Is it true?
- Is it necessary?
- Is it beneficial?
  - Do I have permission to share it?
- Is my motive pure?



**Be thankful to God for your tongue. Do not misuse it.**

