

*Sermon  
Series from  
the Epistle  
written by  
James!*

James 3:1-12

- **3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.
- **3:2** For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

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- **3:3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.
- **3:4** Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.
- **3:5** So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

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- **3:6** And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.
- **3:7** For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

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- **3:8** but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
- **3:9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.
- **3:10** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

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- **3:11** Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?
- **3:12** Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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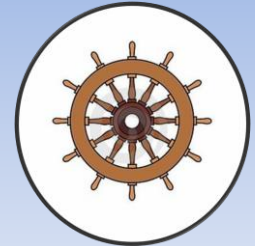
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# The Tongue

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## A Directing Tongue



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## A Directing Tongue

Just like a bit or a rudder, our tongues have the power to direct.

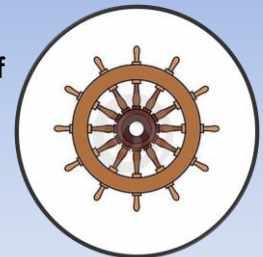


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## A Directing Tongue

Let our tongues be under the control of Lord Jesus Christ so as to direct others in the right way



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## A Damaging Tongue



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## A Damaging tongue

Just like the destructive fire or killing poison, our tongues are capable of doing damage to ourselves and to others



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## A Damaging tongue

Let our tongues be tamed by the Lord Jesus Christ so as to share the flame of the Holy Spirit with others



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## A Disclosing Tongue



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## A Disclosing Tongue

Just like a natural spring or fruit producing tree, our tongues reveal our real nature.



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## A Disclosing Tongue

Let our hearts be filled with the Word of God so that our identity as children of God is always revealed in our conversation



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