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REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 10

TAMING THE UNTAMABLE TONGUE

The Mark and Mission of a Mature Man

(James 3:1-12)

INTRODUCTION:

PREVIOUSLY, DOES YOUR FAITH HAVE A PULSE? (2:14-26)

“Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.” (v. 17)

- IF... faith is indispensable, irreplaceable and eternally consequential,... and it is... THEN... James is burdened that his scattered congregation not only profess faith but actually possess genuine saving faith.
• And Real Faith — is not only demonstrated by faithfulness in the face of trial and testing (1:2-13),... but also by faithfulness in the form of sanctification and service (2:14-26). Real faith transforms your life.
• Genuine faith is far more than a simple acknowledgment of God,... for it involves a life of active consecration that surrenders everything to Him.

TODAY: TAMING THE TONGUE (3:1-12)

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”

—Proverbs 18:21

1A. THE INITIAL RELATED TO THE TONGUE. (3:1-2)

“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”

1B. The Proper : Our primary ambition should be for the pursuit of , not a position of .

2B. The Proper : Self-mastery begins with the .

## 2A. THE DETAILED \_\_\_\_\_ RELATED TO THE TONGUE. (3:3-12)

### 1B. The Tongue is \_\_\_\_\_ for its \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 3-5a)

"Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things."

• Illustration #1 - \_\_\_\_\_

• Illustration #2 - \_\_\_\_\_

### 2B. The Tongue can be \_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 5b-6)

"See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell."

• Illustration #3 - \_\_\_\_\_

### 3B. The Tongue can be \_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 7-8)

"For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. <sup>8</sup> But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison."

• Illustration #4 - \_\_\_\_\_

• Illustration #5 - \_\_\_\_\_

### 4B. The Tongue can be \_\_\_\_\_ in its \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 9-12)

"With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; <sup>10</sup> from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. <sup>11</sup> Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh."

• Illustration #6 - \_\_\_\_\_

• Illustration #7 - \_\_\_\_\_

## CONCLUSION: