



Every Day Faith

A STUDY IN JAMES

James 3:1-2

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 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.

James 3:3-4

Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 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.

James 3:5

So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet
it boasts of great things.

James 3:6

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! 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.

James 3:7-8

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

James 3:9-10

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

James 3:11-12

Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

"Talk is cheap"

Words are:
significant
valuable
powerful

Prov 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,

Words create worlds...

God reveals Himself, His plans and His
purpose in words

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Words direct our lives!

Words reflect our hearts

Matt 12:34

For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

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Choose your words

Eph 4:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,
but only such a word as is good for edification
according to the need of the moment, so that it will give
grace to those who hear.

Slow down

Matt 12:36-37

"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."