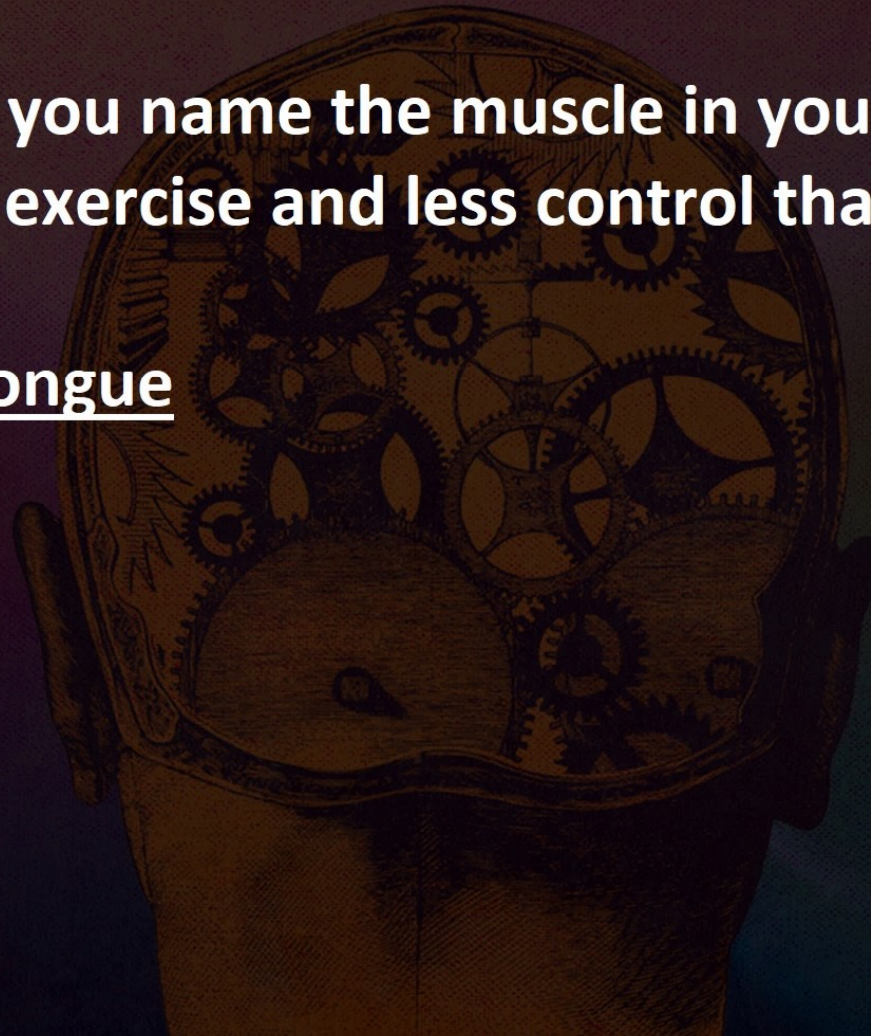


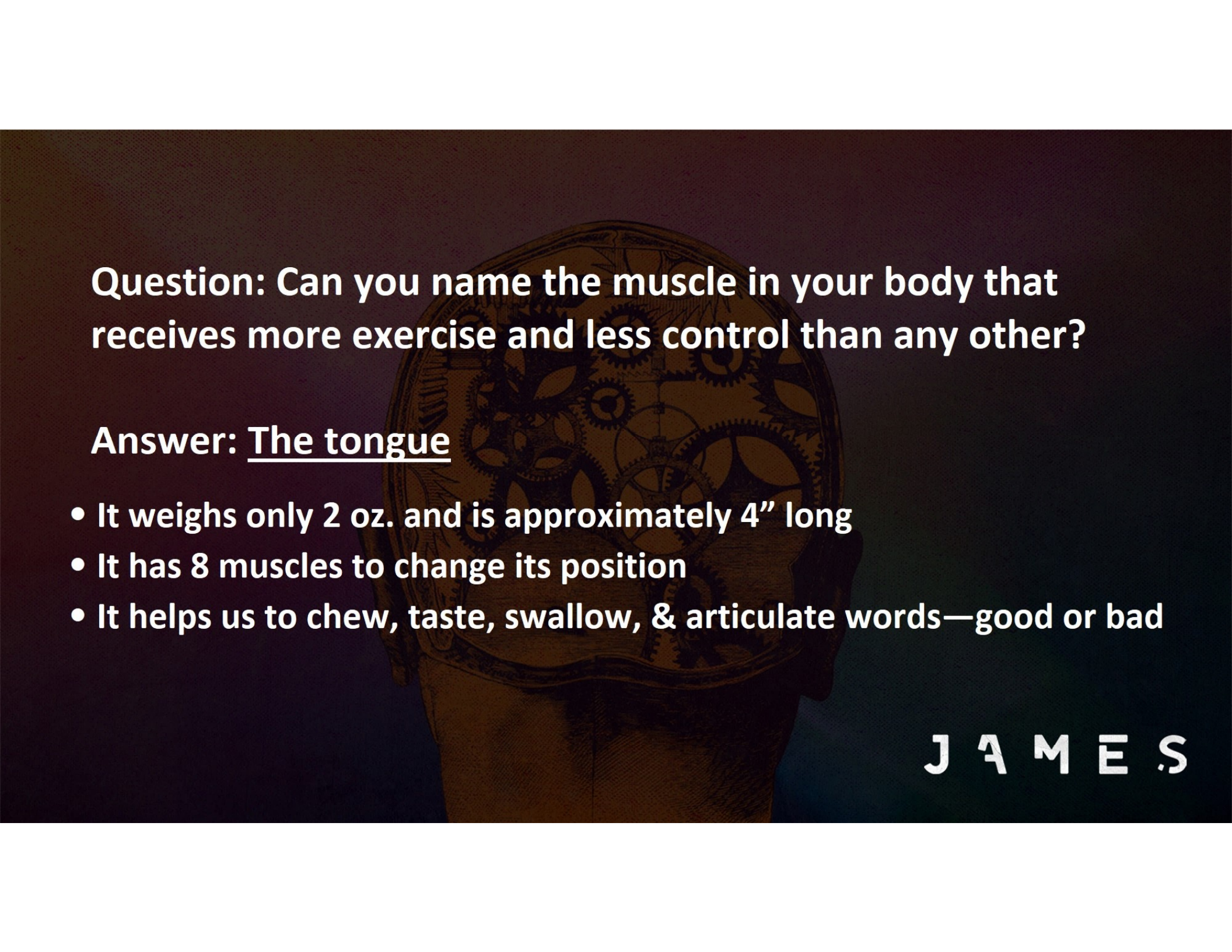
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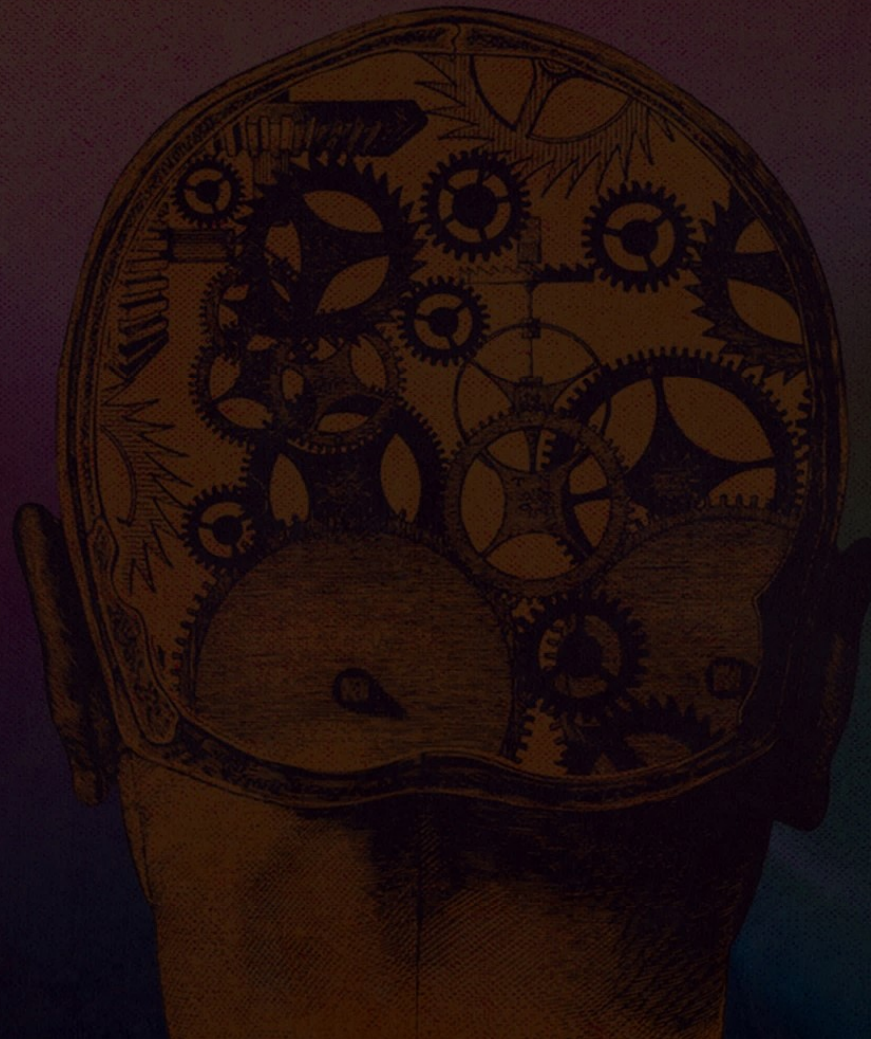
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- It helps us to chew, taste, swallow, & articulate words—good or bad

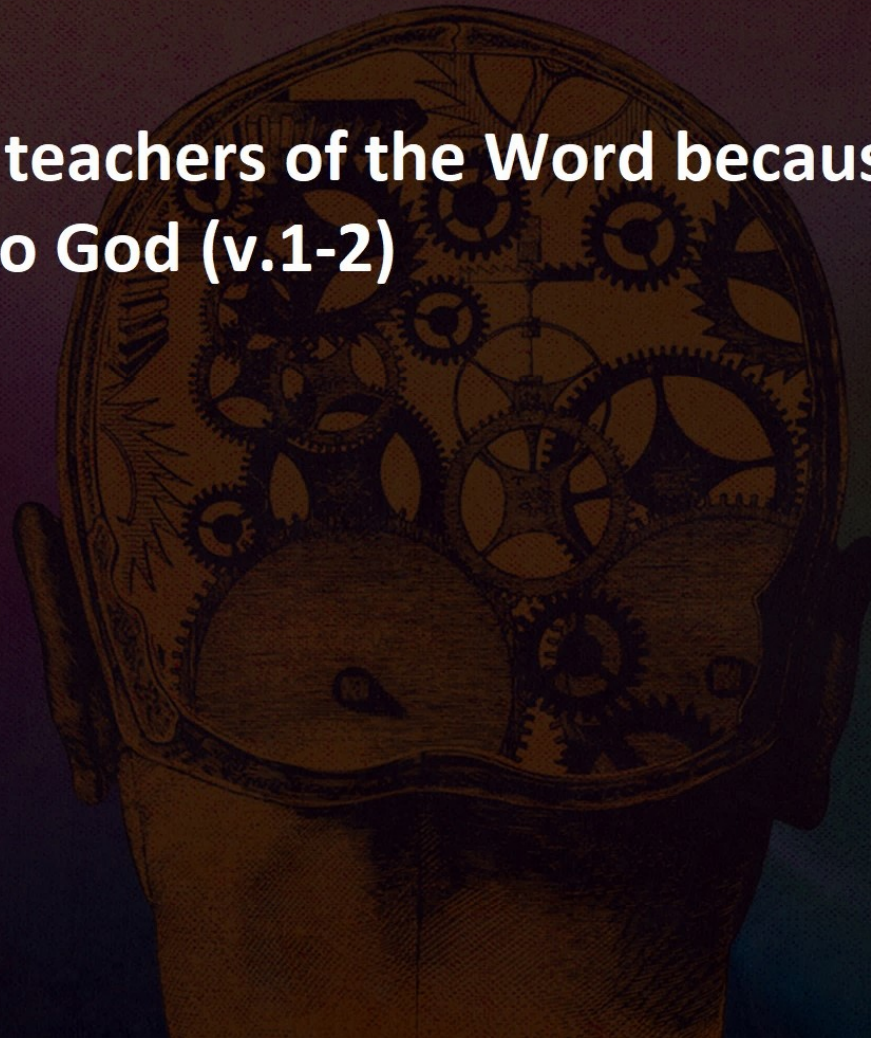
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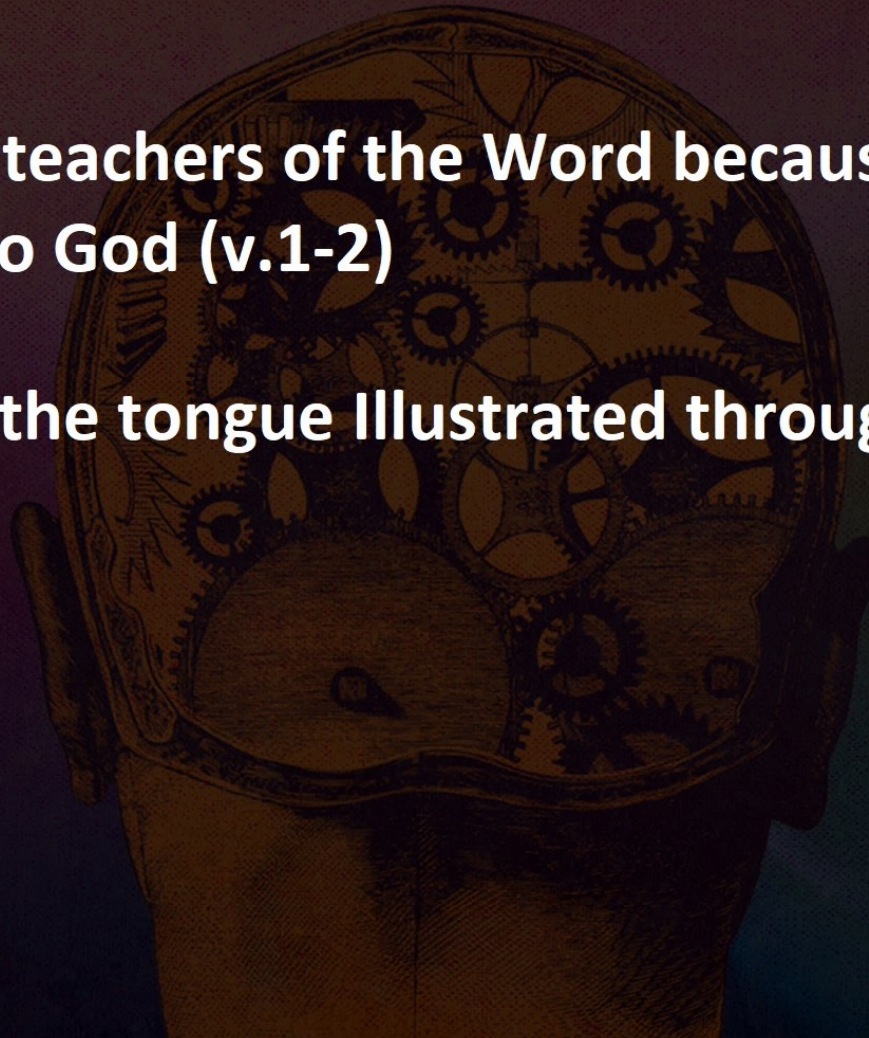
“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”2 Timothy 2:15

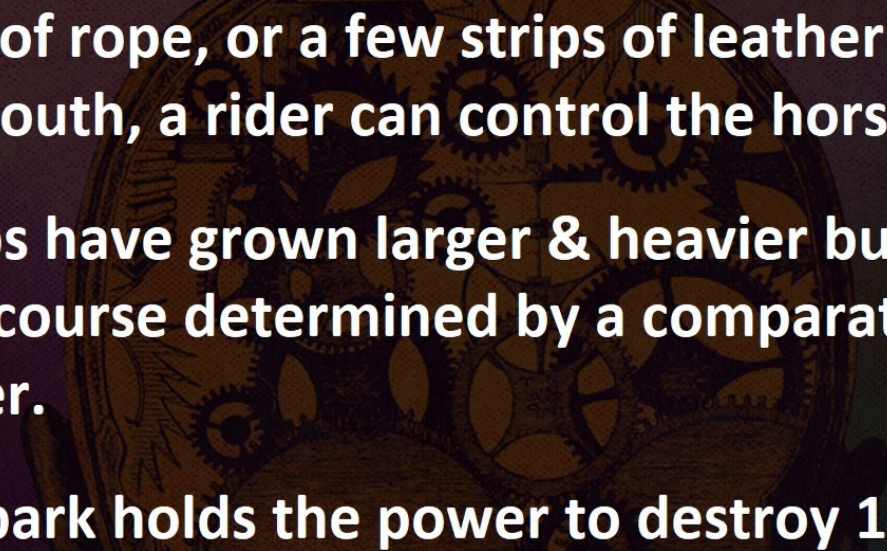
“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”1 Timothy 4:16

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- A bit- With a length of rope, or a few strips of leather & a small piece of metal in a horse's mouth, a rider can control the horse's whole body.
 - A small rudder- Ships have grown larger & heavier but still proportionately they still have their course determined by a comparatively small slab of metal called a rudder.
 - A little fire- A tiny spark holds the power to destroy 1000's of acres of forest.

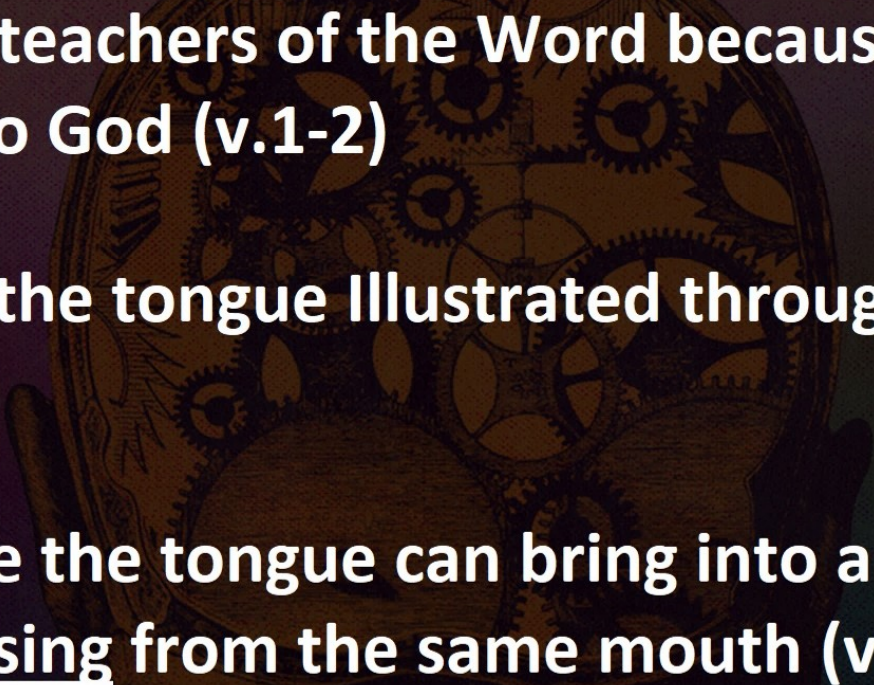
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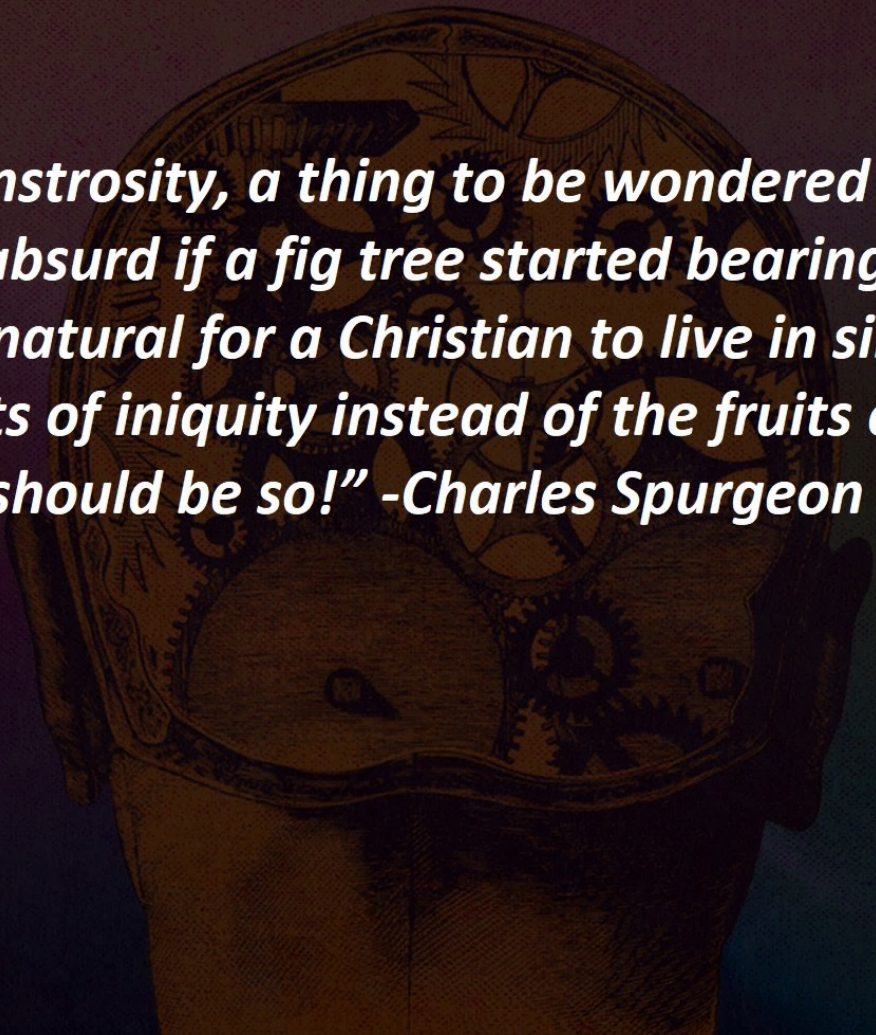
James echoes the testimony of Proverbs regarding the tongue:

- “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.”
Proverbs 10:19-21
- “Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.” Proverbs 16:24
- “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” Proverbs 18:21

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“It would be a monstrosity, a thing to be wondered at, and stared at as unnatural and absurd if a fig tree started bearing olive berries and it is just as unnatural for a Christian to live in sin. Can he so live as to bear the fruits of iniquity instead of the fruits of righteousness? God forbid that it should be so!” -Charles Spurgeon

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