

James: Practical Daily Faith
Part 7 – Taming the Untamable Tongue
James 3:1–12

I. Our Words Matter

James 3:1–2

- Those who teach and lead carry greater accountability.
- We all offend in many things—especially with our words.
- Our failures are never an excuse to stop walking by faith.
- **Sin is not an excuse for faithlessness; sin is why we must live by faith.**

Notes:

II. What Controls the Tongue?

James 3:3–5

James gives two illustrations:

- **The horse's bit** — What controls the bridle?
- **The ship's rudder** — Who is at the helm?

The tongue may be small, but it can direct an entire life.

The tongue is merely the muscle being moved by the heart.

Luke 6:45 — *"...for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."*

Notes:

III. The Tongue Is a Fire

James 3:5–6

Our words can:

- Defile.
- Deceive.
- Destroy.
- Sow discord.
- Turn others away from Christ.

Proverbs 18:21 — *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."*

Ask:

Are my words actively pointing people toward Christ?

Notes:

IV. No Man Can Tame the Tongue

James 3:7–8

Man can tame every kind of creature, but:

"The tongue can no man tame..."

But God Can!

Matthew 19:26 — *"...with God all things are possible."*

Victory does not come through better self-control alone. **Our tongue must be yielded to Christ.**

Notes:

V. These Things Ought Not So To Be

James 3:9–12

- We cannot bless God and then curse those made in His image.
- A fountain should not produce both sweet and bitter water.
- A tree produces fruit according to what it is.

In Christ:

- We have access to the **Water of Life**.
- We have been grafted into the **True Vine**.
- Abiding in Christ produces Christlike fruit.

Notes:

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To tame the untamable tongue, we need the **wisdom God gives**.

Ask for wisdom → Walk in wisdom → Be a doer of the Word → Let real faith affect your words.

If Christ controls the heart, Christ can control the tongue.