

James Part 10 Hold your Tongue

James 3:1-12

1 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.

Proverbs 21:23-24

23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

24 "Proud," "Haughty," "Scoffer," are his names, Who acts with insolent pride.

Proverbs 17:27-28

27 He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent.

Proverbs 15:1-4

1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly. **3** The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit.

James 3:3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

4 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.

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

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

6 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.

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7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

Luke 11:44. Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."

Matthew 15:1-20

1 Then some Pharisees and scribes *came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, **2** "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." **3** And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? **4** For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who **speaks** evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' **5** But you **say**, 'Whoever **says** to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God," **6** he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. **7** You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

8 'This people honors Me with their **lips**, But their heart is far away from Me.

9 'But in vain do they worship Me, **Teaching** as doctrines the precepts of men.'"

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. **11** It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what **proceeds out of the mouth**, this defiles the man."

12 Then the disciples *came and *said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" **13 But** He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. **14 LET THEM ALONE**; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

15 Peter said to Him, "Explain the parable to us." **16** Jesus said, "Are you still lacking in understanding also? **17** Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? **18** But the things that **proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.** **19** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. **20** These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

Matthew 16:1-12

1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. **2** But He replied to them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' **3** And in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times? **4** An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah." And He left them and went away.

5 And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread. **6** And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." **7** They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, "He said that because we did not bring any bread." **8** But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?"

9 Do you not yet **UNDERSTAND** or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? **10** Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? **11** How is it that you do not **UNDERSTAND** that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." **12** Then they **UNDERSTOOD** that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of **the teaching** of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Verse 17. And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

James 1:14-16. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. **15** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Colossians 3:8. But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

James 3:9 With it (the tongue) we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **and** let them **RULE** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; **and RULE** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 9:6-7

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man. **7** "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

James 3:10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. **11** Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? **12** Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh. **13** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be **arrogant** and so lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **18** And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.