

# **Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!**

## **Lesson 13**

### **Read James 3:1 – 12**

**Introduction:** *By nature the gift of speech is more difficult to control than are the fiercest of beasts. There were times when I felt confidently that I had my tongue well controlled, but then it cut loose with words, which only proved conclusively the truth in the verse before us. We all have learned from experience that no powers of the natural man are adequate to control the tongue, promises and resolutions notwithstanding. Let me be frank in my application of this verse and say that in the matter of insubordination, man is worse than the beasts. While no man can tame the tongue, there is One who can.*

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1. According to James 3:1 what will those who are teachers receive?
  - Why do you think teachers are held more accountable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What did Jesus say to the Scribes and Pharisees according to Matthew 23:1 – 12?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - According to Luke 6:37 – 40 what words of wisdom does Jesus give to all His disciples?

2. How does James put into perspective what it means to be a mature man according to James 3:2?

- What did Paul say about the mature man in Philippians 3:12 – 15?

- According to 2 Timothy 4:3 – 4 what will happen when good teaching has been abandoned?

3. What three illustrations did James give to teach us about having control and power over the tongue according to James 3:3 – 5?

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- What do the following scriptures teach us about our speech?
  - Psalm 34:12 – 15 and Psalm 141:3
  
  - Proverbs 12:17 – 19 & Proverbs 13:3
  
  - Proverbs 15:1 – 4
  
  - Matthew 12:35 – 37

**4.** According to James 3:6 what are the five destructive characteristics of the tongue?

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5. According to James 3:7 – 8 what is the process of taming the tongue?
  - What is the result of our effort in taming what we say according to James 3:9 – 10?
  
6. According to James 3:11 – 12 does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs?
  - What was James's conclusion?
  
7. How has God spoken to you about the way you speak to others? The way you speak to your wife, children, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and the guy who cut you off on the freeway?
  
  
8. How has God given to you the ability to have control over your tongue according to Romans 6:7–13, Galatians 5:16–18, & Ephesians 4:20 – 32?