

7 - Controlling Your Mouth (James 3:1-12)

I. The Warning (3:1)

A. Be careful (3:1a)

- James warns that no everyone should be a _____.

B. The judgment (3:1b)

- This is because a teacher will receive a _____.

II. The Nature of the Tongue (3:2-8)

A. An area of stumbling (3:2)

1. Everyone stumbles (3:2a)

- James points to the reality that we all _____.

2. Stumbling with our words (3:2b)

- The person who does not stumble with his mouth is a _____.

- Such a person is able to control the _____.

B. Areas of control (3:3-4)

1. Horses (3:3)

- With the use of a little bit, we can control the _____.

2. Ships (3:4)

- With a little rudder, we can control a ship even in _____.

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C. The uncontrollable tongue (3:5a)

- The tongue is a small part of our body, yet it _____.

D. The consuming fire (3:5b-6)

- A small fire can create a _____.

- The tongue is like a small fire in that it is _____.

- The tongue corrupts the whole body and set our _____.

- The source of its evil is _____.

E. Untamable (3:7-8)

1. The tamable (3:7)

- Mankind has been able to tame _____.

2. The untamable (3:8)

- We cannot tame the tongue because it is _____.

III. The Use of the Tongue (3:9-12)

A. Our duplicity (3:9)

- We curse others and bless God with _____.

B. The rebuke (3:10)

- We should not _____ with the same mouth.

C. The examples from nature (3:11-12)

- A spring cannot produce _____ at the same time.

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- A certain type of fruit tree cannot bear _____.
- It can only produce _____.
- No spring produces both _____.
- Likewise, our mouths are the product of _____.