

James 3

1. What is this chapter primarily about?
2. Why did James caution against too many people becoming “teachers?”
 - (a) The word for “teacher” (master, in the KJV) is used 40 times of Jesus (master), 10 times of “teachers” in general, 7 times of “master” in general and 1 time it is translated “doctor.” Given this usage, what kind of teacher is James discussing - *private* or *public*?
3. How do (horse) “bits” and (ship) “rudders” illustrate the power of the tongue?
4. How does a “fire” illustrate the danger of the tongue?
5. What does James mean in verses 7 and 8 about “taming” the tongue?
6. Of what two different types of speech is the tongue capable? (9 & 10)?
 - a. How does James illustrate this inconsistency?
7. How is wisdom best manifested?
8. James warns against “jealousy” and “selfish ambition” (vs. 14, 16):

a. What is “jealousy?”

b. What is “selfish ambition?”

c. How do these bad qualities relate to the larger problem addressed in 1:10; 2:6-7; 4:2 and 5:1-4?

9. List the characteristics of earthly wisdom:

10. List the characteristics of heavenly wisdom:

11. What is “envy?”

12. What is “strife?”

13. What other conditions exist where there is envy and strife?