

An Outline of James 3:1-12

A. A Caution about becoming teachers

1. Danger: strict judgement because of use of words

B. "Perfect" man controls tongue → bridle whole body

B. Control the little tongue → Control the body

1. illustration: bridles and horses
 2. illustration: rudders and ships
- } control smaller will
control larger
whole body

3. little tongue boasts great things - destroys great things

A. forest fire with small spark ~~(not)~~

C. The Tongue is A Fire

1. world of iniquity
2. defiles whole body
3. sets on fire course of nature
4. set on fire by hell

D. The Tongue is Unruly

1. animals tamed
2. tongue untamable by man
3. full of deadly poison

Key words:

- perfect man
- bridle
- course of nature
- unruly evil
- world of iniquity

E. The Tongue Ought to Have A Single Use

1. bless ... not curse
2. illus. ... springs, fig trees, grapevines
3. These things ought not to be so

2 Cor. 2:17

For we are not

^{w.s.}
peddling the word of God

But

→ As so many

[we are, or we do]

we speak in the sight of God

^{w.s.}

but → As of sincerity

but → As from God

↳ in Christ

how not to peddle
as a peddler

Phil. 4:7-8

Be ^{w.s.} Anxious for nothing → **But** → Let your requests be made known to God

- in everything

- by prayer
- by supplication ^{w.s.}

- with thanksgiving

And

The peace of God → will ^{w.s.} guard

^{w.s.}
which ~~passes~~ surpasses understanding

→ your hearts

→ your minds

→ through Christ Jesus