



Faith & Words

PASTOR ZAC HESS • JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

James 3:1

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

James 3:2

*If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us,
we guide their whole bodies as well.*

James 3:3

Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

James 3:4

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

James 3:5

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

James 3:6

*For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature,
can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,*

James 3:7

*but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil,
full of deadly poison.*

James 3:8

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

James 3:9

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

James 3:10

*Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh
and salt water?*

James 3:11

Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

James 3:12

A Warning to Teachers: Your Life
& Words Have Power (3:1–5a)

A Warning to the Church: Your
Words Reveal Your Hearts (3:5b–12)

**Words are powerful and reveal
true faith...so watch your heart.**