

James Chapter Three

Controlling The Tongue



**“For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.”
(James 2:26)**

Questions For Class Discussion:

1. What warning is given to those who are or would like to become teachers? Why is this the case?
2. What does it say about a person if they are able to control their tongue?
3. How do the two illustrations given in verses three and four support James' point in verse five?
4. What does the illustration of the forest fire tell us about problems with controlling the tongue?
5. What point does James make concerning the beasts, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures? What does this teach us about how we should go about handling our tongues?
6. Why is it absurd for us to speak evil of another person?
7. Considering verses 11 and 12 what does it say about us if we do not seek to control our tongue?
8. What did Jesus say about this subject? (See Matthew 12:33-37; 15:18-19)

9. Name some different sins of the tongue. Why are sins of the tongue so difficult to control?

10. How does a wise and understanding person show his works? What does this mean?

11. Describe what earthly wisdom is characterized by:

12. How does this section apply to many of the problems that arise in churches?

13. Describe what heavenly wisdom is characterized by:

14. In your own words, describe what verse 18 means:

15. How does this section (verses 12-18) fit with the previous discussion of controlling the tongue?