



# Faith Missionary Baptist Church

## BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

March 24-25, 2020



### LESSON 3

James 3:1-18

## Watch Your Mouth

### INTRODUCTION

God gave us a tongue to do many productive things. The tongue helps us to chew and swallow food. The tongue enables us to speak. The gift of speech is one of the greatest gifts God has given to mankind. We can use our tongue to speak words of encouragement, praise, or we can use it to speak words of discouragement. With the tongue you can express your joys and sorrows, anger or disappointment. Speaking with our tongue enable us to connect with one another. We also have a way to express ourselves to God. We need to ask God for wisdom in the use of our tongue so we will not do harm to ourselves or others.

We need to know when to speak and when not to speak. We need to know what to say and what not to say. In today's or tonight's lesson we are going to look at the destructive power of the tongue when we allow it to get out of control.

**Question For Thought:** Have you ever said something destructive that you wish you could take back?

#### *1st Reading-James 3:1-3.....The Bit And Horse Analogy: Bringing The Tongue Under Control*

- A. My brethren (Term of affection)
- B. Teachers are under a higher standard
- C. Teachers must be accountable
- D. If you don't offend with your tongue you are complete
- E. Horses are controlled by a bit under their tongue

#### *2nd Reading- James 3:4,.....The Ship Rutter Analogy*

- A. **Big ships are controlled by a small rudder.**
- B. The tongue is a small member
- C. Boasteth great things(Sometimes talks bigger than action)
- D. A small fire can burn much wood

#### *3rd Reading- James 3:5-6.....The Tongue is Little But Dangerous*

- A. *The tongue is small but can do much damage.*
- B. Th wood fire analogy compared to the tongue
- C. The tongue is a fire(metaphor)
- D. A world of iniquity
- E. Can ruin the entire body
- F. Can set on fire evil passions
- G. Can be set on fire by hell.

4th Reading James 3:7-8.....*The Wild Fire And Beast Analogy*

- A. Many animals can be tamed by mankind
- B. Man cannot tame the tongue.
- C. The tongue is restless evil
- D. The tongue is Full of deadly poison

5th Reading James 3:9-10.....*Blessing And Cursing From The Same Tongue*

- A. *We praise God with the tongue*
- B. We curse men with the same tongue
- C. Men are made in God’s image
- D. Cursing and blessing from the same tongue
- E. James says, “This should not be.”

6th Reading-James 3:11-12.....*The Fountain And Fig Tree Analogy*

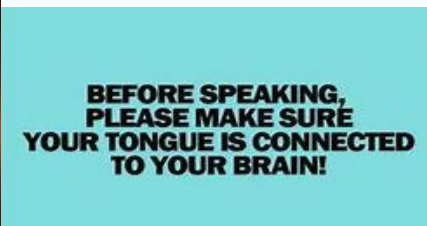
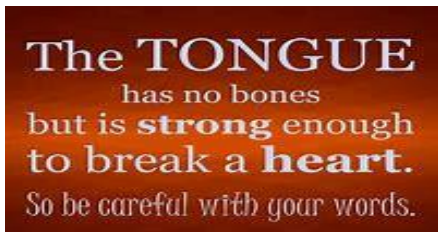
- A. **Rhetorical Question:** *Doth a fountain send sweet water and bitter water at the same time*
- B. **Rhetorical Question:** Can a fig tree yield olives, or a vine, figs?
- C. **Rhetorical Question:** Can salt water yield sweet?
- D. *A rhetorical question is one that has an obvious answer that is intended to stimulate thought.*

7th Reading-James 3:13-14.....*Wisdom Should Show In Self Control*

- A. **Question:** *Who is wise and endued with knowledge among you, (If you claim to be wise)*
- B. Demonstrate wisdom by wholesome conversation, how? **with meekness**
- C. You should not have envying and bitterness in your heart
- D. Boast not and don’t lie against the truth (of who you are showing yourself to be.

8th Reading-James 3:15-18.....*The Profile Of Heavenly Wisdom*

- A. Worldly wisdom is not from above or heaven
- B. Worldly wisdom is earthly, sensual, devilish (Contrary to God’s will and ways)
- C. Envy and strife produces confusion and every evil work
- D. Godly wisdom from above is: pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated  
Full of mercy, good works, without partiality, genuine
- E. The fruit of righteousness is sown in the peace of those who make peace.



**Spiritual Application: Apply This Lesson To Your Life Today**

1. You can use your tongue to help yourself and others or to hurt yourself and others.
2. We are accountable to God for our words.
3. Pray to God for wisdom in the proper use of the tongue.
4. The words we speak are a positive or negative expression of who we are.
5. Thank God for the gift of your tongue.
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**MEMORY VERSES:** “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”  
-----James 3:17

