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FAITH WITHOUT  
WORKS IS DEAD

Taming the  
Tongue

James 3:1-12

# Tasmanian Devil



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# Tongue Problems:

James 1:26

*"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet **does not bridle his tongue** but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless."*

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# Tongue Problems:

James 4:1

*“What is the **source of quarrels and conflicts** among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”*

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# Tongue Problems:

James 4:11

*“Do not **speak against one another**, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law...”*

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# Tongue Problems:

James 4:16

*“But as it is, you **boast in your arrogance**; all such boasting is evil.”*

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# ➤ The Potential of Your Tongue

James 3:1,2

It reflects my accountability and responsibility.

*“Let not many of you become teachers...incur stricter judgment.”*

*Stricter = megas*

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# ➤ The Potential of Your Tongue

James 3:1,2

It reveals my maturity.

*“If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a **perfect** man...”*

**Perfect** — teleios = finish, complete, fully grown, mature

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# Matthew 12:34-47

*"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that **men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.**"*

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# ➤ The Power of Your Tongue

James 3:3-6

Proverbs 18:21

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”*

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*We put bits into the horse's mouth  
so that they will **obey** us James 3:3*

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***Ships...***  
***directed by***  
***a very small***  
***rudder...***

**James 3:4**



# ➤ The Power of Your Tongue

James 3:3-6

It can direct and control my whole life  
vs. 3-5

What "*strong winds*" are pushing  
your need for control?  
(See digging deeper.)

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➤ The Power of Your Tongue

James 3:3-6

It can destroy my life & relationships.

Vs.5, 6

What is the source of your words?

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Tongue is a fire  
...set on fire by hell.  
James 3:6

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*Sticks and stones may break my  
bones but words will break my heart.*

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➤ The Problem with Your Tongue

James 3:7, 8

You cannot  
tame it.

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➤ The Purpose for Your Tongue

James 3:9-12

To bless God and not curse people.

Vs. 9, 10

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Mark Twain

*“The difference between the right word and the almost right word, is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.”*

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➤ The Purpose for Your Tongue

James 3:9-12

To offer pure words from a clean heart.

Vs. 11, 12

(see digging deeper on how)

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