

Faith you can say

James 3:1-12

Getting to know you

**“On Facebook, 273 people know I’m a dog.
The rest can only see my limited profile.”**



Show me your tongue!

- You have a unique tongue print
- The average human has 10,000 taste buds
- 50% of bacteria in your mouth lives on the tongue
- A chameleon's tongue is 1.5 times longer than its body
- In Tibet it's good manners to stick you tongue out when you meet someone



James 3:1-12 (NCV)

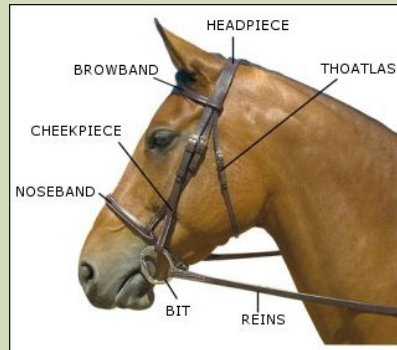
My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all make many mistakes. If people never said anything wrong, they would be perfect and able to control their entire selves, too. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can control their whole bodies. Also a ship is very big, and it is pushed by strong winds. But a very small rudder controls that big ship, making it go wherever the pilot wants. It is the same with the tongue. It is a small part of the body, but it brags about great things. A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame. And the tongue is like a fire. It is a whole world of evil among the parts of our bodies. The tongue spreads its evil through the whole body. The tongue is set on fire by hell, and it starts a fire that influences all of life. People can tame every kind of wild animal, bird, reptile, and fish, and they have tamed them, but no one can tame the tongue. It is wild and evil and full of deadly poison. We use our tongues to praise our Lord and Father, but then we curse people, whom God made like himself. Praises and curses come from the same mouth! My brothers and sisters, this should not happen. Do good and bad water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree make olives, or can a grapevine make figs? No! And a well full of salty water cannot give good water.

What's the good stuff?

- The tongue is small but makes great boasts (3:5)
- It corrupts the whole person (3:6)
- It influences all of life (3:6)
- No one can tame the tongue (3:8)
- It is wild and evil (3:8)
- Praises and curses come from the same mouth(3:9)

Little and Large

- Bit and Horse
- Rudder and Ship
- Ship and Wind



Fire and Hurricanes





Talk about
Peoples faults

Cover over
Peoples faults



Unwholesome
talk

Talk that builds
People up



To insult people

To Praise God

The Matthew Commitment

- I will store up only good things in my heart until they overflow into my conversations

The Ephesians Commitment

- I will not let unwholesome talk come out of my mouth

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