

James 3 - Controlling the Tongue Pt.2

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Sins of the Tongue:

- *Gossip, Talebearing*
- *Busybody, Meddler*
- *Criticism, Slander, Condemnation*
- *Debate, Contention, Strife*
- *Lies, Deceit*
- *Manipulation, Control - flattery, intimidation, coercion*

Flaws of Human Judgment:

- *limited knowledge*
- *biased perspective*
- *personal arrogance*
- *prone to avenge*

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND THE TONGUE

James 3:1-2

1 My brethren, **BE NOT MANY MASTERS** (*teachers*), knowing that **WE SHALL RECEIVE THE GREATER CONDEMNATION**.

2 **FOR IN MANY THINGS WE OFFEND ALL. If any man offend not in word, THE SAME IS A PERFECT MAN, and able also to bridle the whole body.**

1 Timothy 3:2-3

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, **NO STRIKER**, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, **NOT A BRAWLER** (*abstaining from fighting*), not covetous;

Proverbs 20:3

"IT IS AN HONOUR FOR A MAN TO CEASE FROM STRIFE: But every fool will be meddling."

Luke 9:49-56

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and **WE FORBAD HIM, BECAUSE HE FOLLOWETH NOT WITH US**.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And **THEY DID NOT RECEIVE HIM**, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 But **HE TURNED, AND REBUKED THEM**, and said, **YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF.**

56 For **THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM.** And they went to another village.

Psalm 106:32–33

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because **THEY PROVOKED HIS SPIRIT**, So that **HE SPAKE UNADVISEDLY WITH HIS LIPS.**

Human judgment is never just because of:

- motive
- method
- presumption

Numbers 20:2–11

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and **THEY GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER AGAINST** Moses and against Aaron.

3 And **THE PEOPLE CHODE WITH MOSES**, and spake, saying, **Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!**

4 **And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?**

5 **And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.**

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, **HEAR NOW, YE REBELS; MUST WE FETCH YOU WATER OUT OF THIS ROCK?**

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

THE TONGUE CONTROLS THE DESTINY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

James 3:3-4

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and **WE TURN ABOUT THEIR WHOLE BODY.**

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, **YET ARE THEY TURNED ABOUT WITH A VERY SMALL HELM**, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Proverbs 18:20–21

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; And with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 **DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE:** And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Luke 6:43-45

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 **FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY HIS OWN FRUIT.** For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 **A GOOD MAN OUT OF THE GOOD TREASURE OF HIS HEART BRINGETH FORTH THAT WHICH IS GOOD;** and **AN EVIL MAN OUT OF THE EVIL TREASURE OF HIS HEART BRINGETH FORTH THAT WHICH IS EVIL:** **FOR OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART HIS MOUTH SPEAKETH.**

1 Peter 3:8–12

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or **RAILING FOR RAILING**: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 **FOR HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, and HIS LIPS THAT THEY SPEAK NO GUILF:**

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; **LET HIM SEEK PEACE, AND ENSUE IT.**

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.