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Part 5: Taming the Deadly Tongue

James 3:1–12 “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. ²For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body ³Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind ...

Basic Principles:

1. **The Tongue is _____ to Tame**
(James 3:1, 2, Matthew 12:34)
2. **The _____ of the Tongue**
(James 3:3-5, Proverbs 15:4)
3. **The _____ Caused** *(James 3:6, 8)*
4. **The Danger of an _____ Tongue** *(James 3:10, 9)*
5. **James 3:1-12 in the Context of the _____ Gospel**
 - A. I must realise the _____ of my sin, and my need for saving grace
 - B. I must realise I am a _____ in Christ. *(James 1:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17)*
 - C. I must realise my need to _____

... ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so...”