

Today's Message:

**Horses,
Ships, *and*
Wildfires**

James 3:1-12



Likewise, the tongue...

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

James 3:1-2

**We all have influence
in our world!**

We are all missionaries!

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:3-6

**Are your words
encouraging and
hopeful?**

***“Parents can cripple the spirit
of their children through
withering critical speech.”***

- David Nystrom

Our tongue has great potential!

“May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14

Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

James 3:11

Before You Speak, Is it....

TTrue

HHelpful

IInspiring

NNecessary

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**Our words
are our
Testimony!**