

Interpersonal Conflict I: Taming the Tongue

James 3

TAME YOUR TONGUE: James 3:1-12

- Peril of the Tongue, 3:1-2 *judged with greater strictness*
- Potential of the Tongue, 3:3-6 *the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts great things*

Bits control horses
Rudders guide ships

- Problem of the Tongue, 3:6-8 *no human being can tame the tongue*

A blazing fire
A stain on the whole body
Full of deadly poison

- Perversity of the Tongue, 3:9-12 *these things ought not to be so*

Used for both blessing and cursing
The Spring
The Trees

TEACH WITH YOUR LIFE, James 3:13-18 *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in meekness of wisdom.*

False Wisdom

Wisdom from Above

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Paul, Ephesians 4:29

An Evening Prayer, by C. M. Battersby

If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one soul to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive

If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Let I offend some other through the strain,
Dear Lord, forgive

If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in the fold,
When thou hast given me some fort to hold,
Dear Lord, forgive

Forgive the sins (I have confessed to thee;
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me and my keeper be.
Amen.

Ask yourself about what you are about to say....

Is it kind? Is it corrupting? Does it tear down? Does it build up? Is it peaceable? Is it pure? Does it show mercy? Is it sincere? Is it impartial?