

Series: James  
Lesson 8, James 3.1-12  
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## **“Being Slow To Speak”**

### **Fighting Fire With Faith**

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- I. Salutation (Jam 1.1)
- II. Prologue: Respond to trials biblically, i.e., properly (Jam 1.2–18)
- III. Theme: Handling trials God’s way (Jam 1.19-20)
- IV. Handling trials God’s way necessitates godly behavior (Jam 1.21 — 5.6)
  - A. Handling trials humbly by being quick to hear (Jam 1.21 — 2.26)
  - B. Handling trials humbly by being slow to speak (Jam 3.1-18)
    - I. Slow speech recognizes the tongue is detrimental to showing godly wisdom (3.1-12)

**“Those who misuse the tongue are guilty of spiritual arson”!**

R. Kent Hughes, “James: Faith That Works,” Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1991), 138.