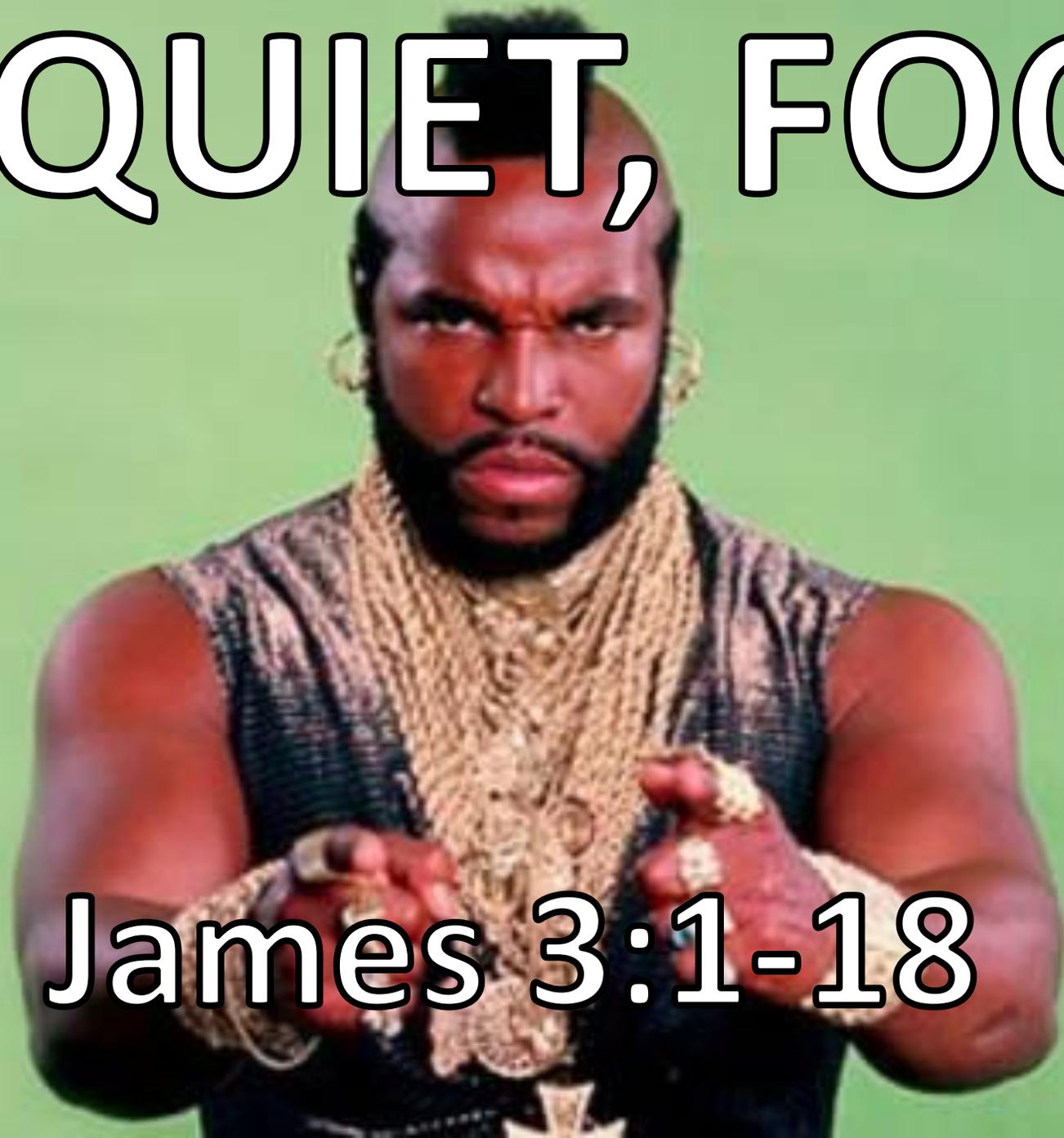


# JAMES

A FAITH TO LIVE BY

**BE QUIET, FOOL!**



**James 3:1-18**

Not many should become  
teachers, my brothers, knowing  
that we will receive a stricter  
judgment; for we all stumble in

many ways. If anyone does not  
stumble in what he says, he is a  
mature man who is also able to  
control his whole body. Now when

we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we also guide the whole animal. And consider ships: though very large

& driven by fierce winds, they are  
guided by a very small rudder  
wherever the will of the pilot  
directs. So too, though the tongue

is a small part of the body, it boasts  
great things. Consider how large a  
forest a small fire ignites. And the  
tongue is a fire. The tongue, a

world of unrighteousness, is placed  
among the parts of our bodies; it  
pollutes the whole body, sets the  
course of life on fire, & is set on

fire by hell. For every creature—  
animal or bird, reptile or fish—is  
tamed & has been tamed by man,  
but no man can tame the tongue.

It is a restless evil, full of deadly  
poison. With it we bless our Lord &  
Father, & with it we curse men  
who are made in God's likeness.

Out of the same mouth come  
blessing & cursing. My brothers,  
these things should not be this  
way. Does a spring pour out sweet

and bitter water from the same opening? Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a

saltwater spring yield fresh water.

Who is wise & understanding  
among you? He should show his  
works by good conduct with

wisdom's gentleness. But if you  
have bitter envy & selfish ambition  
in your heart, don't brag & lie in  
defiance of the truth. Such wisdom

does not come down from above,

but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

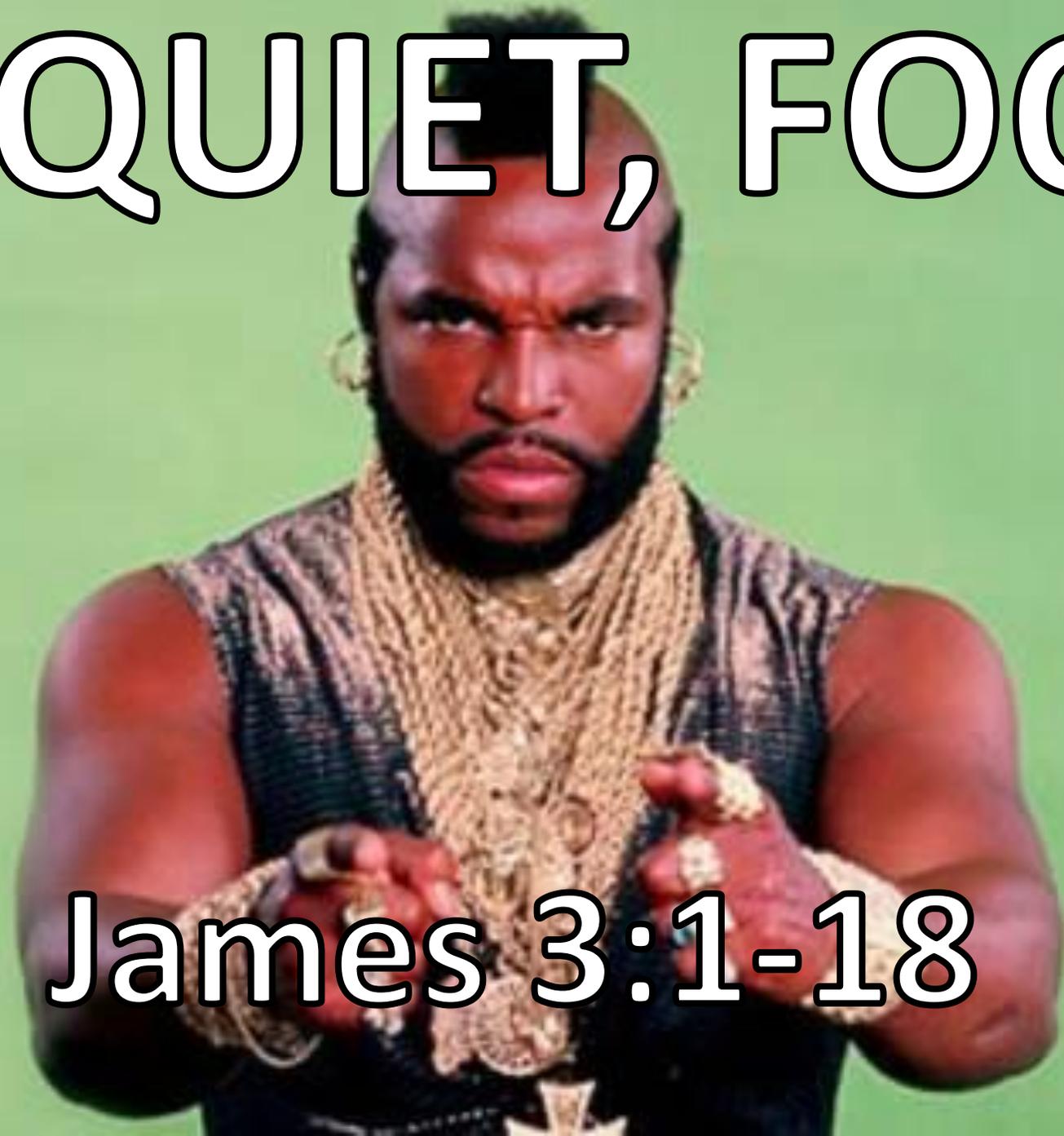
For where envy & selfish ambition

exist, there is disorder & every kind

of evil. But the wisdom from above  
is first pure, then peace-loving,  
gentle, compliant, full of mercy &  
good fruits, without favoritism &

hypocrisy. And the fruit of  
righteousness is sown in peace by  
those who make peace.

**BE QUIET, FOOL!**



**James 3:1-18**

# PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY





**PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**

**ACCOUNTABILITY  
& LEADERSHIP  
RUN PARALLEL  
TO EACH OTHER**



**PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**

**SELF-CONTROLLED  
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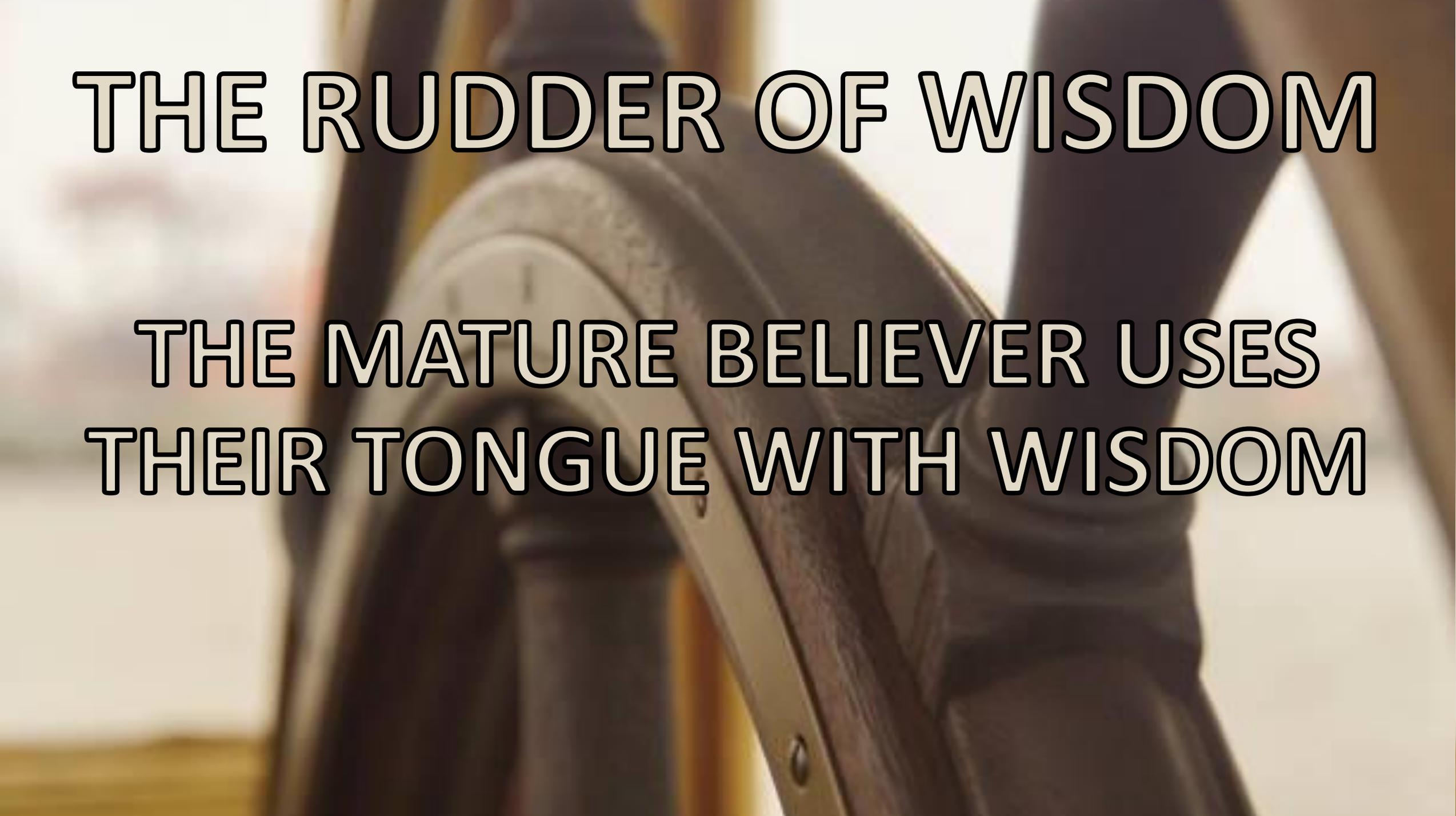
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THE TONGUE IS  
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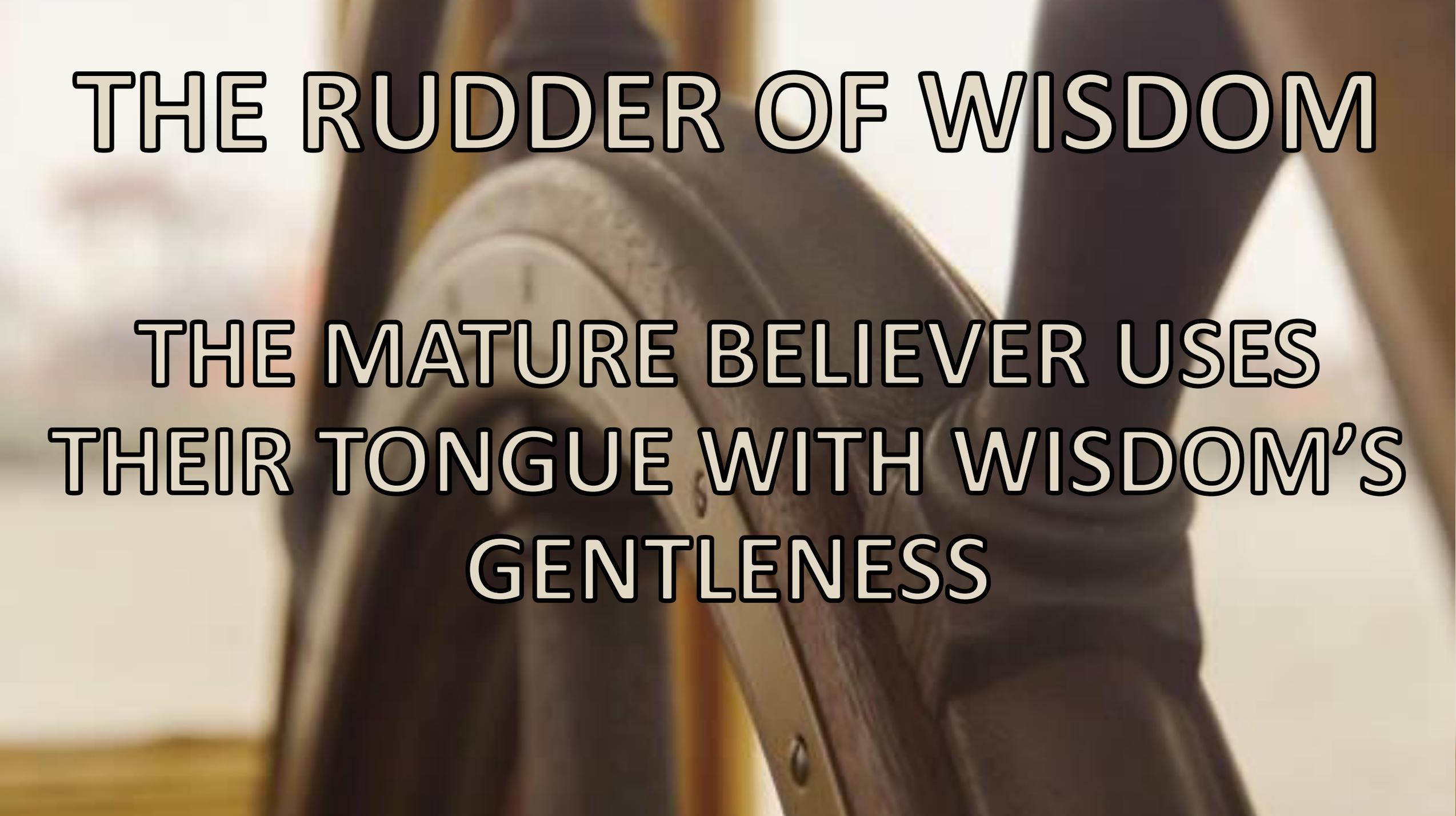
# THE RUDDER OF WISDOM





**THE RUDDER OF WISDOM**

**THE MATURE BELIEVER USES  
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**THE MATURE BELIEVER USES  
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**WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

**WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

**HOW WISE ARE YOU?**

**WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

**HOW MUCH OF YOUR LIFE  
IS ON FIRE?**