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.
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SELF-CONTROLLED SPEECH IS A MARK OF MATURITY
UNCONTROLLED WILDFIRES
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THE TONGUE IS THE DIVING BOARD INTO VERY DEEP WATER
UNCONTROLLED WILDFIRES

THE TONGUE IS THE REFLECTION OF THE HEART
THE RUDDER OF WISDOM
THE RUDDER OF WISDOM

THE MATURE BELIEVER USES THEIR TONGUE WITH WISDOM
THE RUDDER OF WISDOM

THE MATURE BELIEVER USES THEIR TONGUE WITH WISDOM’S GENTLENESS
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

HOW WISE ARE YOU?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

HOW MUCH OF YOUR LIFE IS ON FIRE?