

# James Faith in Action Review



James 1:1-18 *Persevere* under trial, knowing..

James 1:19-27 *Pure religion* & undefiled.. is

James 2:1-13 If you *show partiality* (v9).. you are

James 2:14-26 Faith *without works* (v.26) .. is

v.16 “*Be warmed*” *Greek middle* = warm yourself. 😬

“*and filled*” *Greek passive* = let someone feed you. 😬

“I will show you my faith *by*” (*ek*) = Out of my works.

# James 3 The Power of the Tongue

**What  
caused  
the attack on  
Pearl Harbor?  
Dec 7, 1941**

**What  
caused  
the bomb  
to drop on  
Hiroshima?  
Aug 6, 1945**

**67 Japanese cities were destroyed by conventional bombs. How was the request for Japan's surrender or utter destruction conveyed 7/26/45 ?**

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James 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers ...

“To be a teacher was to occupy a position with prestige and authority within the Christian community in the early church. *UBS*  
Some aspired to be teachers, **but without being qualified and / or for the wrong reasons.**”



1 Tim 1:6-7 “Some men wanting to be teachers even though they do not understand.. matters about which they make confident assertions.”

Mat 23:6-7 “Love... being called rabbi.”



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James 3:1b ..knowing that as such  
we shall incur *a stricter* judgment.

Have you been a believer long enough that  
you *OUGHT* to be teaching your neighbor?

Heb 5:12

Place yourself at the judgment bar of God.  
Ask yourself, "How will my pursuits and plans  
of life be viewed in the judgment?"

Lk 12:48 "The one who did not know it, and  
committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will  
*receive but few*. And from everyone who has  
been given much *shall much be required*."



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James 3:2 For we *all stumble in many ways*.

1 John 1:8 “If we say that we have *no sin*, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

(Prov 24:16) “A righteous man *falls 7 times*, and rises again ..”

(Eccl 7:20) “There is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good & who never sins.”



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**How easy is it?**

**Very Easy!**

- Unmerciful
- Dishonesty
- Wrong thoughts
- Worldly living
- Bitterness, Envy
- Outbursts of Anger
- Not forgiving
- Causing weak to stumble



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James 3:2 “If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a *Perfect Man*...

Perfect: **Telios aner**  
Complete, mature  
or full-grown [male].



**Strong's:** “Complete (in various applications) of labor, growth, mental or moral character.”

Perfect Love (1 John 4:18). Full Christian Maturity  
(Mat 5:48; Col 1:28; Heb 5:14)

# James 3 The Power of the Tongue

James 3:2 If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

Body is easier to control than the tongue.

James 3:3 We put bits into horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.



Riding horses weigh 1,000 pounds.  
Draft horses weigh 2,000 pounds.



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*Winds of...*



James 3:4 “Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by **strong winds**, are still directed by a **very small rudder**, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.”

Frustration  
Peer-pressure  
Persecution  
Stress  
Anger

Pride



Where there are many words,  
***transgression is unavoidable !***  
(Prov 10:19)

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James 3:5 “The tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, *how great a forest is set aflame* by such a small fire!”

Wars started. Souls lost,  
Reputations destroyed,  
Churches split by words.

137,000 Acres burned. 133 Homes destroyed.  
3 people killed. \$40,000,000 spent fighting fire!

Hayman fire 2002,  
95 mi SW of Denver

Lady park ranger got  
a ‘Dear Jane’ letter  
& threw it into the  
camp fire.

Letter caught fire &  
wind blew it into  
the trees...



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Jas 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, the very  
*world of iniquity..*

The tongue is involved with ALL  
kinds of sin: finance, perjury,  
moral scandal, political,  
religious.

“Defiles the entire  
body, & *sets on fire*  
the course of our life.”

And is *set on fire by hell.*  
(Satan's desire for harm)

So important  
it taint's the  
whole body

And changes the whole  
course of our lives!

Gehenna after Gospels  
occurs only here.

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James 3:7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human race.

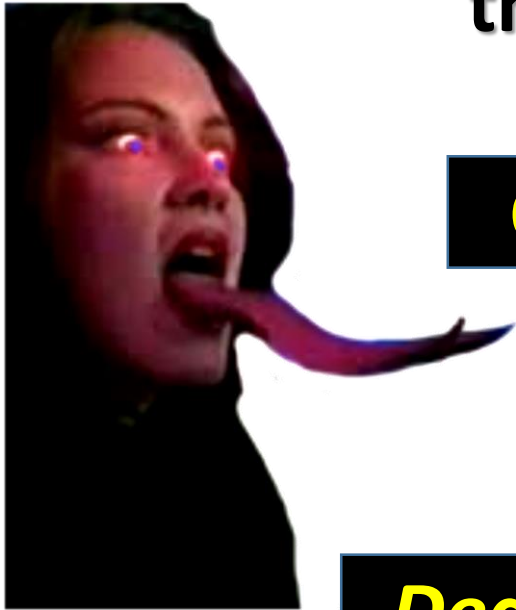
**Tame:** Damatzetai.  
Restrain, to curb.





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James 3:8 “But no *one can tame* the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of *Deadly Poison*.”



**Can't Tame:** Aorist, point action.

**Restless evil:** like a predator pacing, prowling. (1 Pet 5:8)

**Deadly Poison:** Death-bearing venom.

Some people hurt by something said one time and they determine never to go back, they fall away, or friendships end forever!

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James 3:9a With it we *bless our [eulogeo] Lord and Father*



3:9b With it *we curse men, [katara, uttered out of manevolence] who have been made in the likeness of God.*

Jas 3:10 From the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. *[Or do we hold grudges 20 years]*

# James 3 The Power of the Tongue



**James 3:11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?**  
*[salt water]*

**Jas 3:12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh.**

**Prov 15:4 a soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.**