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Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers,  
for you know that we who teach will be judged with  
greater strictness. (James 3:1, ESV)

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For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (James 3:2, ESV)

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# Three Illustrations of the Tongue

## 1. Horse Bridle

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. (James 3:3, ESV)



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# Three Illustrations of the Tongue

## 1. Horse Bridle

## 2. Ship Rudder

Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

(James 3:4-5, ESV)



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# Three Illustrations of the Tongue

1. Horse Bridle
2. Ship Rudder
3. Forest Fire

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! (James 3:5, ESV)



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**BIG IDEA:** Small things  
can cause great results,  
just as the tongue has  
the power to destroy.

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And the tongue is a **fire**, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, **staining** the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but **no human being can tame the tongue**. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we **bless** our Lord and Father, and with it we **curse** people who are made in the likeness of God.

(James 3:6-7, ESV)



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From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things **ought not to be so**. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

(James 3:10-12, ESV)



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*James 3:1-18*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his **works** in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your **hearts**, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic.**

(James 3:13-15, ESV)



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For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the **wisdom from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:16-17, ESV)

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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

- 1. Pure** *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16, ESV)*



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. **Pure**
2. **Peaceable** *Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live **peaceably** with all. (Romans 12:18, ESV)*



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure

2. Peaceable

3. **Gentle** *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with **gentleness**. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*  
(2 Timothy 2:24-26, ESV)



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure

2. Peaceable

3. Gentle

4. **Reasonable** Let your **reasonableness** be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (**Philippians 4:5-6, ESV**)



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Reasonable
5. **Merciful** *Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' (Matthew 18:32-33, ESV)*



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Reasonable
5. Merciful
6. **Fruitful** *Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and **do good**; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:13-14, ESV)*



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Reasonable
5. Merciful
6. Fruitful
7. **Impartial** *As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules **without prejudging**, doing nothing from partiality. Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. (1 Timothy 5:20-22, ESV)*



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# Speaking with Heavenly Wisdom

1. Pure
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Reasonable
5. Merciful
6. Fruitful
7. Impartial
8. **Sincere** *For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and **godly sincerity**, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. (2 Corinthians 1:12, ESV)*



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And a **harvest of righteousness** is sown in peace by those who make peace. (James 3:18, ESV)

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