

Lesson 8

Jas 3:1-9

1. From whom do teachers receive a stricter judgment? Why?
2. What is meant by 'perfect' (3:2) how does controlling the tongue impact behaviors that have nothing to do with our speech?
3. Based on the metaphors in 3:3-4, describe some ways that the tongue guides the 'whole ship'.
4. What is intended by the reference to kindling a great fire?
5. James writes that it is positioned in the body in such a way that it defiles all the members. What is meant by 'being positioned', and how does it defile the rest of the body?
6. If no man can tame the tongue, what is the sense in trying?
7. What is meant by 'unruly evil'?
8. What important truth do we discover about people in v.9. Why is this important doctrinally? How should it impact our speech?