

# A letter to the dispersed from James

Lesson 13 - Men to Men Bible Study

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James 3:1-12.



DISPENSING



# Overview of Chapter Three

- Major sections
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    - ❖ 17-18 True wisdom



# Study in James about teaching

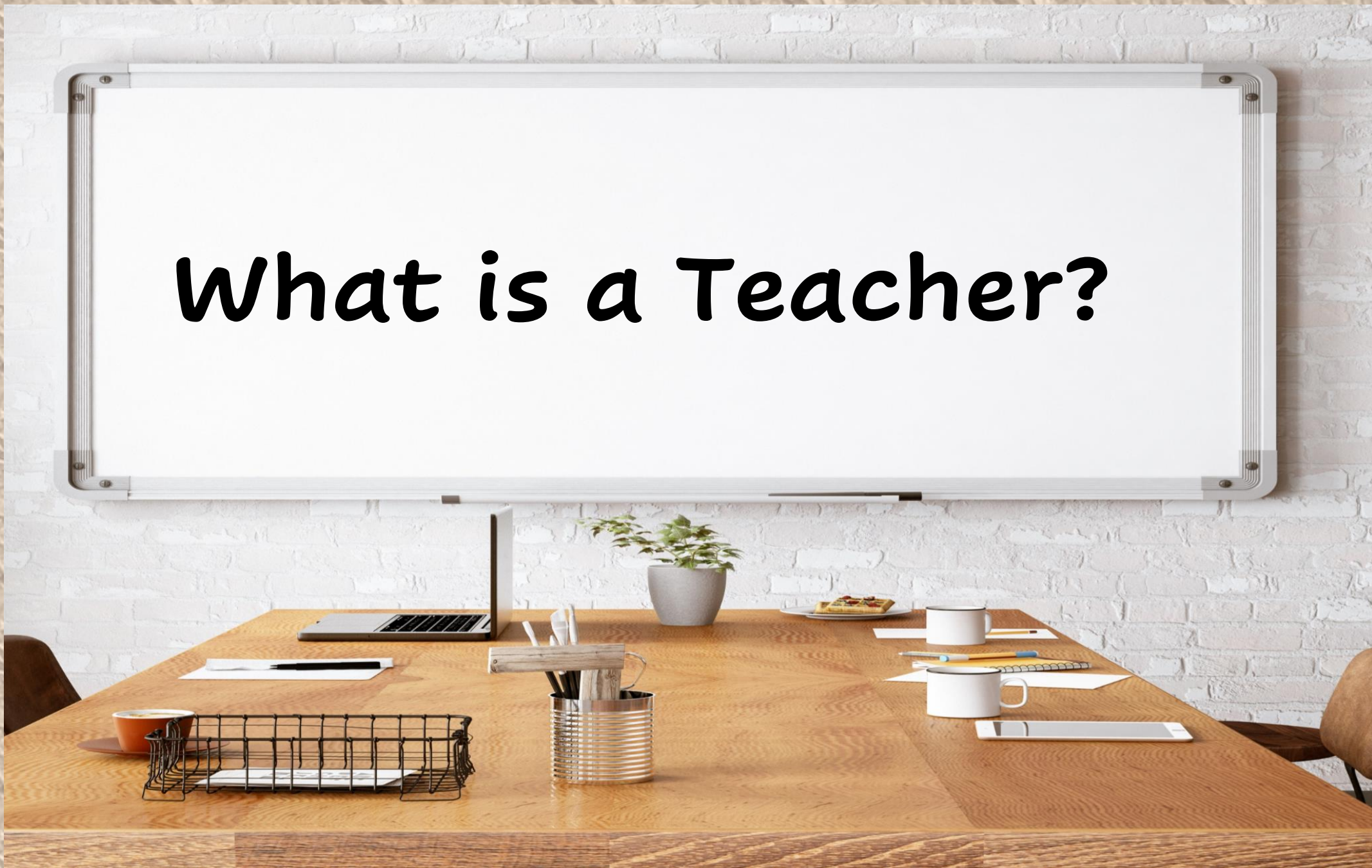
## **James 3:1-2 NASB**

**Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers, since you know that we who are teachers will incur a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.**

## **James 3:13-14 NASB**

**Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.**

**What is a Teacher?**





**What are some of  
the characteristics  
of a Teacher?**





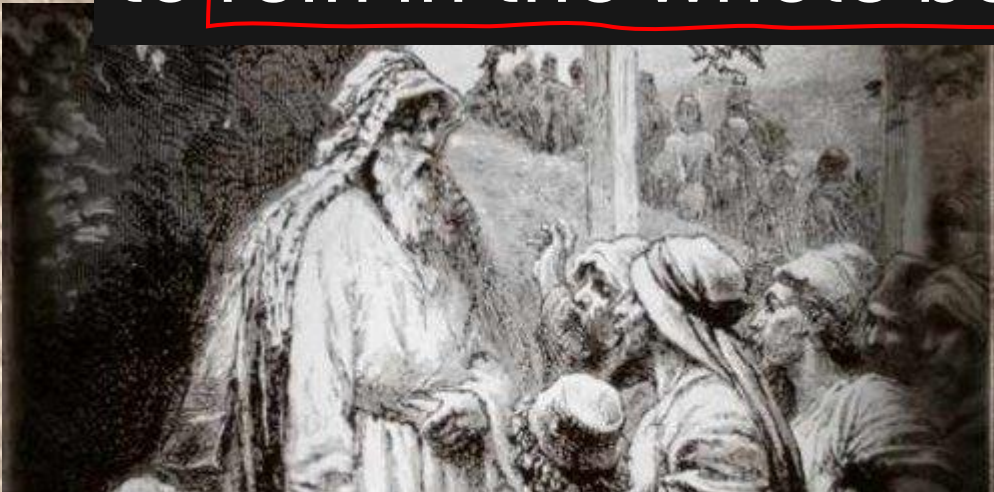


James 3:1,2

## Warning to the Teachers of the Word of God

Do not become **teachers** in large numbers, my brothers, since you know that we *who are teachers* will incur a stricter judgment.

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.





# The man who ought never to become a teacher

Who among you is a man of wisdom and understanding? Let him show by the loveliness of his behavior that he does it done with gentleness. If in your hearts you have a zeal that is bitter, and selfish ambition, do not be arrogantly boastful about your attainments, for you are false to the truth.



James 3:13-14



# Difference

There is a difference between worldly teachers and Word Teachers

- Difference of source – the words of God – The Bible
- Difference in selection
- Difference of impact
- Difference of accountability
- Difference in motive
- Difference in quality

## Gospel of John

In the beginning, was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come to being.



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I Corinthians 12:38 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

Romans 12:6-8 "let us exercise the gift we have"



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Ephesians 4:11-12 He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the service for the building up of the body of Christ.



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2 Peter 2:1-3 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Luke 17:7-10 <sup>7</sup> “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup> Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”



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1 Timothy 1:5-7 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. For some men, straying from these things has turned aside to fruitless discussion. Wanting to be teachers of the LAW, even though they do not understand either, what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

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

1 Corinthians 4:6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed what is written, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.



# Conclusion and Application

- Many desire to teach.
- Only few should
- Only few are really needed
- A smaller group of qualified teachers does more good than many who have high desires but have no gifts.
- Qualifications and Authority
  - Not on power
  - Not on personality
  - Not on want
  - Not on personal preference
- If you can do anything else, do it.
  - The stakes are just too high
  - The judgment too terrible
  - The results for the teacher and those who are taught are too great to fill with the unqualified.