

# A letter to the dispersed from James

Lesson 13 - Men to Men Bible Study

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James 3:1-12.



DISPENSING

# Metaphor, Simile, Analogy

Discussion starter:

## **Abstract Noun**

1. Love
2. Justice
3. Anger
4. Envy
5. Peace
6. Democracy

## **Concrete Noun**

Bluejay  
Leather wallet  
Basketball  
Pencil sharpener  
Balloon  
The planet Mercury



What analogies  
can we make from  
this picture.





# Out of Control, dangerous, and powerful

1 Let not many *of you* become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

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.

3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

4 Look at 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.

5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

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.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

10 from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* fresh and bitter *water*?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor *can* salt water produce fresh.



# Personal Reflection

Can you recall a time when words had a profound impact on you, either positively or negatively?

How do you personally struggle with controlling your speech, and what steps have you taken to improve in this area?

In what ways do you use your words to build up or tear down others in your daily life?

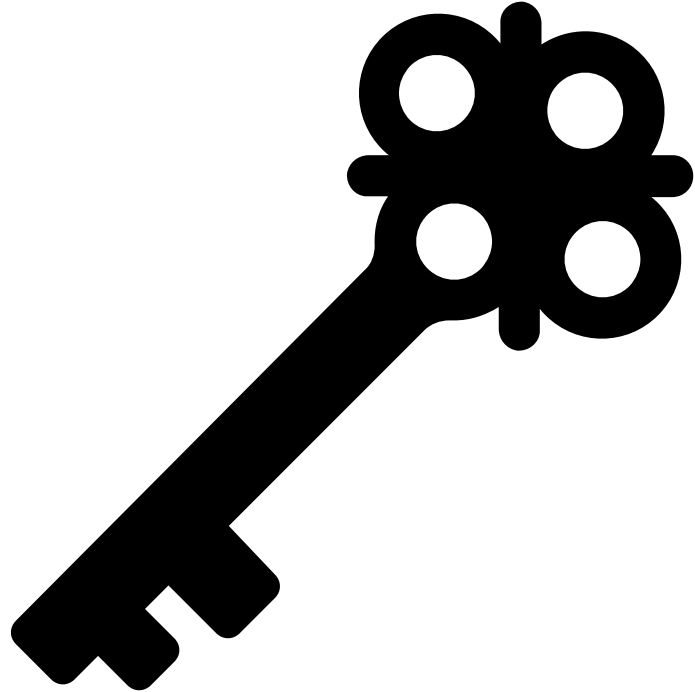
# Apply :

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What practical steps can we take to ensure our speech reflects our faith and values?

What are some strategies for taming the tongue that you find effective?





## 7 Keys in How to Control Your Tongue

1. Believe your words matter
2. Evaluate your words
3. Choose to change
4. Surrender your heart
5. Change what is in your heart
6. Keep pressing ahead and be on guard
7. Trust God to do His part.



# Group Dynamics:

How can we hold each other accountable for the way we speak to and about others?

How can we create a community where constructive and edifying speech is encouraged?

What role does forgiveness play when someone's speech has caused hurt or conflict within a group?

