

## The Perfect Man Part 1

James 1:19,26; 3:1-12

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## More Than Profession

- James 1:22 *“Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves ...”*
- James 2:14ff – Saving faith is a working faith.
- James 3 – Is your tongue being controlled by faith? cf. 2 Corinthians 10:5

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## More Than Profession

- Regardless of how scrupulous one might be about observing outward religious forms, if we do not bridle our tongues, we deceive ourselves; we displease God; and our religion is vain. (cf. *Matthew 15:8-9,19*)

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## More Than Profession

- Taming the tongue is not just a matter of good taste or avoiding embarrassment.
- It has to do with our salvation or damnation! (cf. *Matthew 12:34-37*)

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## “Ye Know This...”

- *“The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver” (Proverbs 10:20).*
- *“Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips” (Psalms 141:3).*
- *“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles” (Proverbs 21:23).*
- *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver” (Proverbs 25:11).*

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## “Ye Know This...”

- *“In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely” (Proverbs 10:19).*
- *“He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life; but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction” (Proverbs 13:3).*
- *“Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him” (Proverbs 29:20).*

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### “Ye Know This...”

- *“A soft answer turneth away wrath; but a grievous word stirreth up anger” (Proverbs 15:1).*
- *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21).*

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### “Be not many of you teachers...”

James 3:1

- In some respect we are all teachers. *Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 5:12-14*
- The teacher has a grave responsibility.
  - It is more than just a position. *Matthew 23:7-10*
  - Must edify. *1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 4:29*
  - Preparation and Faithfulness necessary. *1 Timothy 4:13-16; cf. 1 Timothy 1:7; Romans 2:17-24*

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James 3:1

- Tragedy associated with the wrong kind of teachers.
  - Vain hope. *Jeremiah 23:16-32*
  - Turn people from God. *Jeremiah 23:26-27; 6:16; 5:30-31; cf. Isaiah 30:10*
- Preaching the message of God turns people TO God. *Matthew 12:41; Jonah 3:1-2*

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### “Greater judgment” James 3:1

- Important message. *1 Corinthians 1:21; cf. 1 Corinthians 2:3*
- Preach the word. *2 Timothy 4:2ff; 1 Peter 4:11*
- What if I fail?
  - *Acts 20:20, 27* Responsible for others.
  - *Galatians 1:6ff* Anathema of God.
  - *Galatians 2:5* Truth does not continue.
  - *2 John 9ff* Fellowship with God severed.

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