

## THE SERMON ON THE MOUTH James 3:1-12

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3

(Jesus) But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' Matthew 15:18 (NIV)

(Jesus) for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.  
Luke 6:45

### (v. 1)

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

'But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' Deuteronomy 18:20

Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.  
Matthew 18:6

\_\_\_\_\_ is measured in the mouth (v. 2)  
**Perfect-teleios**; having reached its end, i.e. complete, by ext. perfect, mature.

**My tongue** \_\_\_\_\_ **my life (v. 3-4)**

They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Exodus 14:11-12

For the Lord had told those Israelites they would surely die in the desert Numbers 26:65

**My tongue has the** \_\_\_\_\_ **(v. 5-6)**  
*A worthless man digs up evil, While his words are like scorching fire. Proverbs 16:27*

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21*

*Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Colossians 4:6*

**James' Point:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(v. 7-8)**  
(Taming the tongue will always be a work in progress)

**Help! I'm talking and I can't shut up**

\_\_\_\_\_ **before I speak.**  
*"Intelligent people think before they speak. What they say is then more persuasive." Proverbs. 16:23 (GN)*

*"You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say. Proverbs 18:20 (GN)*

**Say what** \_\_\_\_\_ **about my situation**  
*Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3 KJV*

*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised; Hebrews 10:23*

**Become a one man/woman walking** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29-31*

*"A word of encouragement does wonders!" Proverbs 12:25 (LB)*