

James 3:1-12

1 Be not many (of you) teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment.

Here we all must be wary of what we say when it comes to telling others about what God's word says. We all become more knowledgeable about the things of God and share what the Lord puts on our hearts and this I believe is right. If your gift is to teach, then you should not neglect it. We who teach must watch our life – live in submission to God's word and will.

1 Tim 4:14-16

14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

NIV

Worst of all are those who completely disagree with Holy Script and bring about a whole new interpretation that defames what is already written. False teachers preaching cultic views leading many astray.

1 Tim 4:1-2

4 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

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Rev 22:18-19

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

NKJV

James 3:1-12 *continued*

2 For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also.

We are to seek perfection when it comes to expressing what we believe God is telling us as we tell others these things. We know no man is perfect, but teaching must be done in a course to seek perfection in expression and thought to the hearers.

We fail due to human error, but how blessed are we that Jesus is the one who builds the church - His church. It would seem that as a little child's hands are guided to help the father build a small project in the shop, God directs us step by step so we can do His will.

3 Now if we put the horses' bridles into their mouths that they may obey us, we turn about their whole body also.

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the impulse of the steersman willeth.

5 So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!

James 3:5-6

5 A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything — or destroy it! It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire.

6 A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

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(My personal note: Eugene wrote the bible in a thought for thought – 'type' translation. Though some verses may be more appealing, remember that this was not a committee working together to compile a bible but just one person. Some have found his 'interpretation/'translation not adequate.)

6 And the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell.

7 For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind.

8 But the tongue can no man tame; (it is) a restless evil, (it is) full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God:

10 out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet (water) and bitter?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? Neither (can) salt water yield sweet.

ASV

So many of us are quick to assess others and speak too quickly. How dangerous this is. Especially if you are to speak from a pulpit! You cannot demean men from your own personal disliking but this is what we do. There is not one of us who does not do this in some way. It is a shame and we need to see this taking place. It happens too naturally for sinful man to demean another.

Edify the body and exhort, but do not condemn for the sake of your own personal dislikes. This is the flesh.

Christ took this upon Himself as well for our sake. While standing and speaking to those who could recite the books of the torah from memory, they could not see Him nor follow what they had read. So to today with us - we fail to truly follow Christ or to see Him clearly in His word.