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## James 3

### Taming the Tongue

James warns against:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

If you're a Christian by belief, you should be a Christian by behavior. God is for you and wants to improve

### 2 Kinds of Wisdom

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

*"A holy life is a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent and is either a constant attraction or a perpetual reproof."*

~ Robert Leighton

*"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom."*

~ Charles Spurgeon

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### Sermon Talks:

1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Think about a time you were hurt deeply.
  - What was the cause?
  - What is because something someone said or a physical injury?
3. Why is the tongue so hard to tame?
4. In verses 1-12, James is referring to all forms of communication.
  - What are examples of ways we communicate other than speaking?
  - Are there any of those examples that you seem to struggle with the most? (when it comes to communicating in a Godly way)
5. Read Matthew 12:33-37.
  - What are similarities between what Jesus teaches and James teaches?
6. How does Luke 12:2-3 challenge us to be careful with what we say?
7. What do the following verses say about speaking and wisdom?  
Psalm 141:3  
Proverbs 10:8, 10:14, 10:18, 10:31, 12:18, 15:2, 16:23, 17:28, 18:2, 19:1, 29:11
8. What are some practical steps you might take to help control your tongue in a Godly way?
9. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
10. What are the eight qualities of Heavenly wisdom listed in verse 17?
11. Proverbs 4:7 says that the beginning of wisdom is to get it. How do we get it? (see James 1:5-8)

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (James 3) and this week's message**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?