

Faith and Deeds

Trial and Temptation (James 1:1-18)





(James 2:1-10)

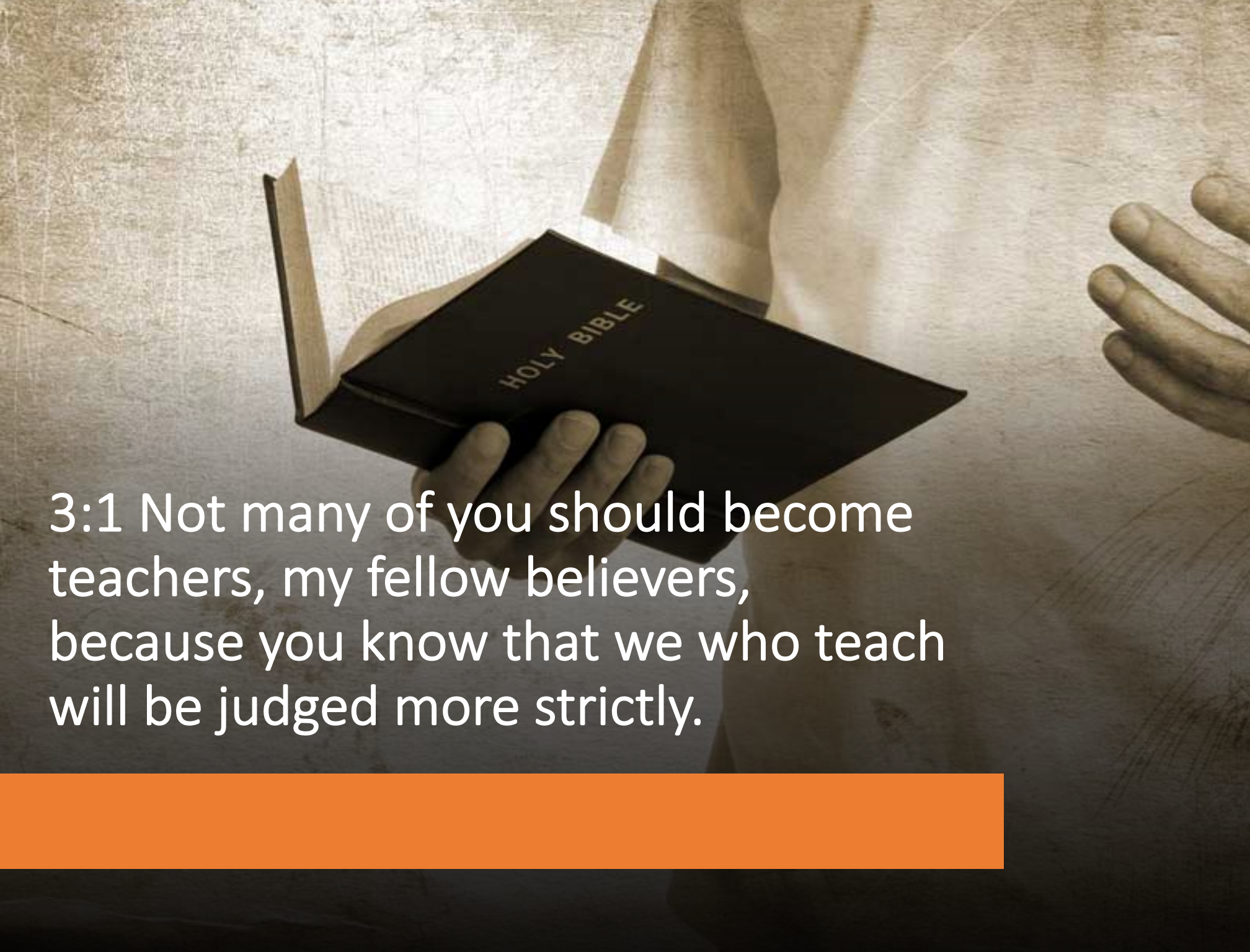


Taming the Tongue

(James 3:1-12)



“Please stick
your tongue
out!”

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open black Bible. The cover of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed in gold or light-colored letters. The person is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved shirt. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of paper. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the person's skin.

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.



Preaching

- **Providing Opportunities**
- **Building up Gradually**
- **Proceeding with Caution**

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- **Tongue and Final Judgment (3:1)**
- Tongue and Sanctification (3:2-4)
- Tongue and Potential Impact (3:5-8)
- Tongue and Salvation (3:9-12)

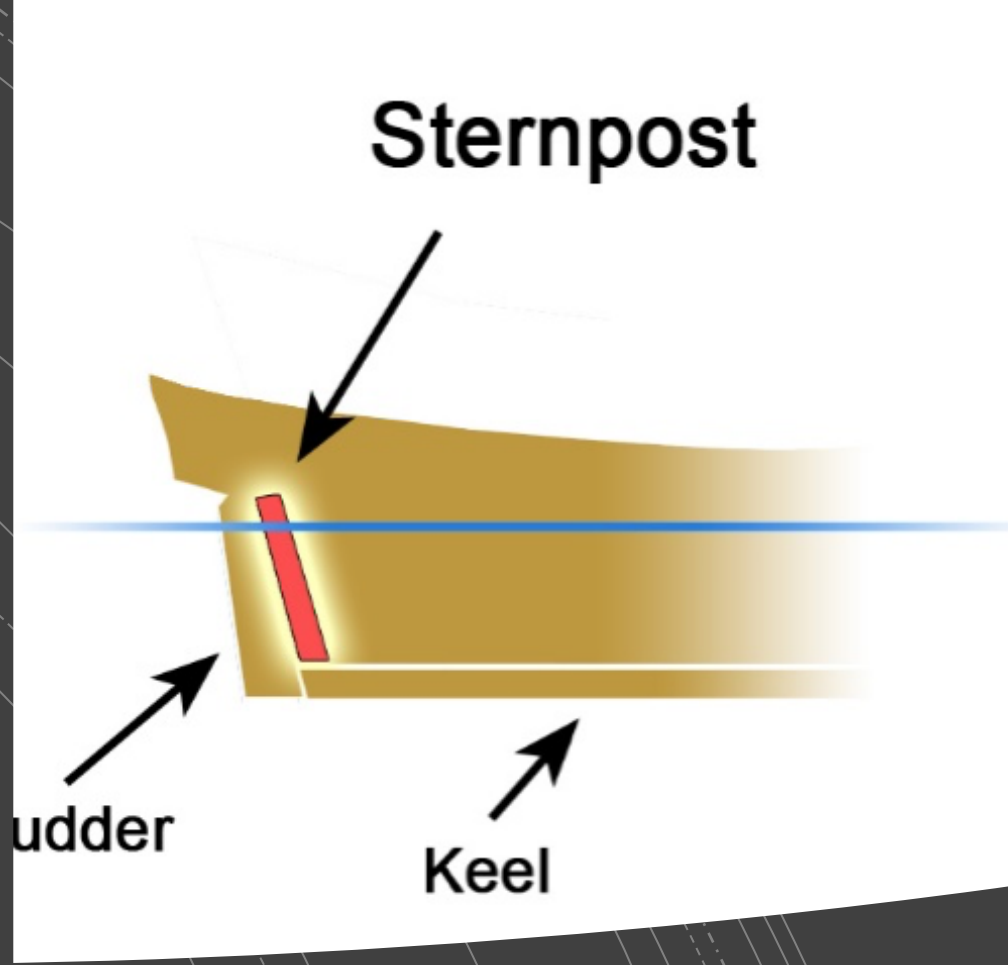
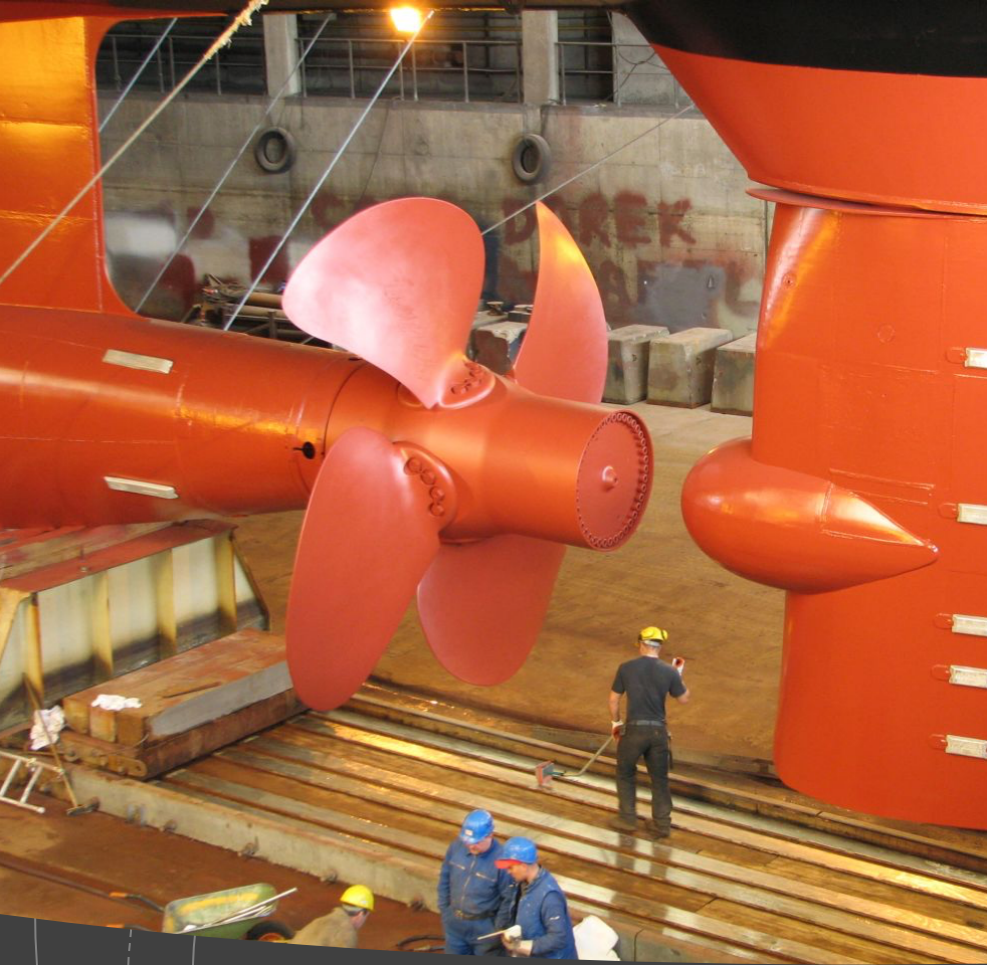


A row of five young green seedlings growing out of a mound of dark brown soil against a blurred green background. The seedlings are in various stages of growth, with the tallest one on the right and the shortest on the left. The text "The Pursuit of Sanctification" is overlaid in white serif font in the center of the image.

The Pursuit of Sanctification



- ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

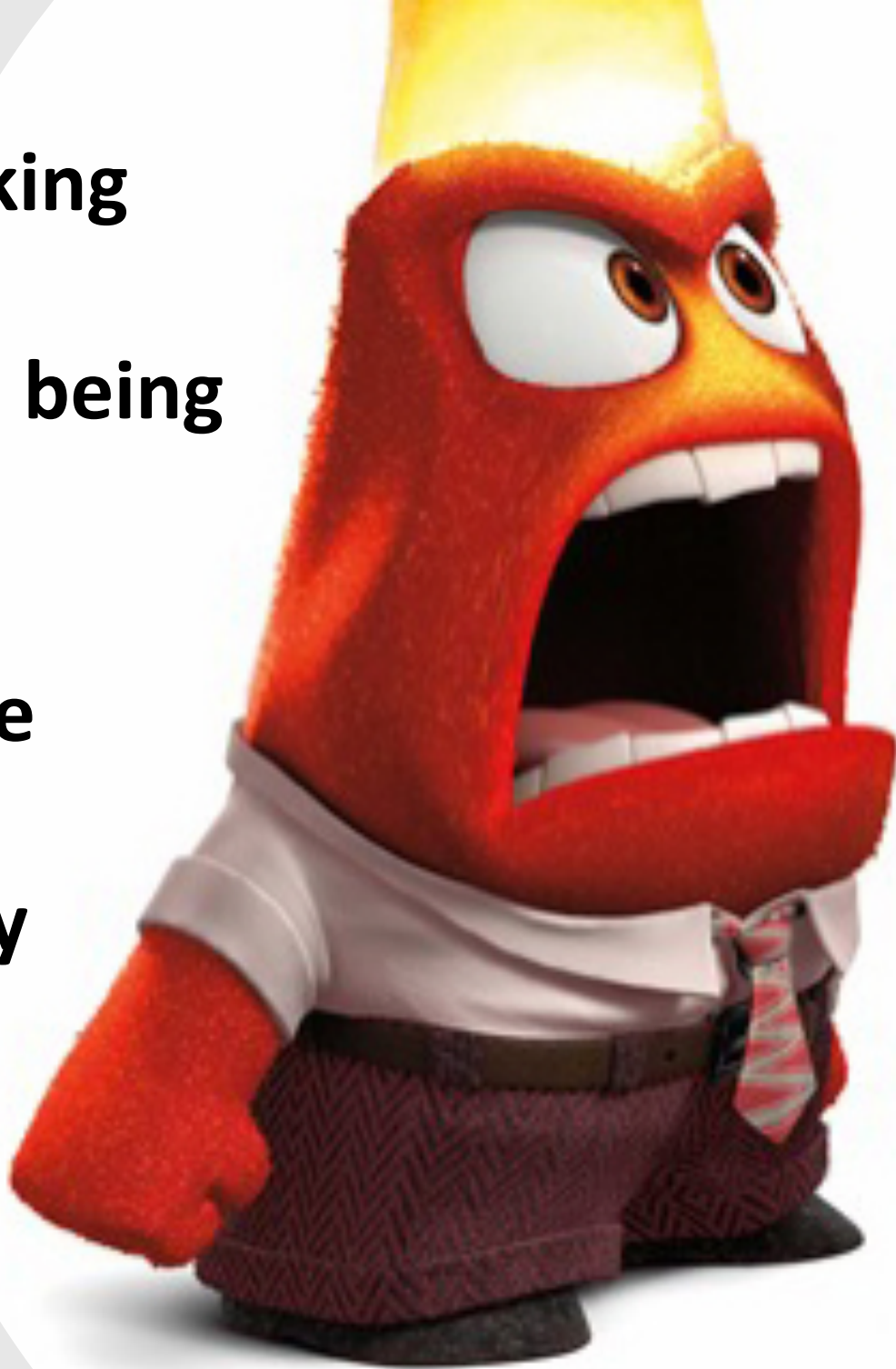


⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.



A Key to Sanctification:
Keep your Tongue in Check

- **Like to talk, talking too much**
- **Like to criticize, being bitter**
- **Filthy talk**
- **Abrasive tongue**
- **Hot-tempered, exploding easily**



- **Easy to promise but not fulfilling**
- **Flattering, praising others insincerely**
- **Telling lies**
- **Criticizing behind one's back**
- **Gossiping**
- **Spreading rumors**

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer against a sunset sky. The person is on the left side of the frame, with their head bowed and hands clasped in front of them. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange, with some clouds. The person's shadow is cast on the ground to the right.

- **Praying for God's Help**

- **Accountability Partner**

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**An Unbridled Tongue
Causes Big Damages!**

5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.





- ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



• Destroying
Family

• Splitting
Church



¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. (Matthew 18:15-17)

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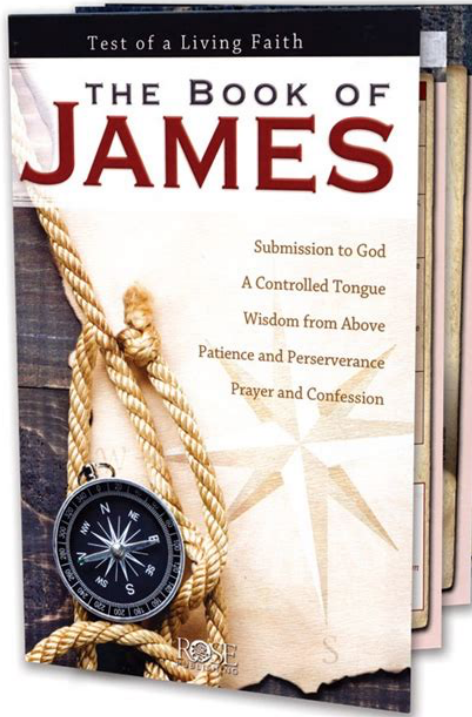
**Do Not
Want to
Change?**



⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.



**Are You
Really
Saved?**



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Use Your Tongue to Edify

Gracious words
are a
honeycomb,
sweet to the soul
and healing to
the bones.
(Proverbs 16:24)



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**Not Living Here?
Where? Down Below**

**It corrupts the
whole body, sets
the whole
course of one's
life on fire, and
is itself set on
fire by hell.
(James 3:6)**