

"Taming the Tongue"  
James 3:1-12  
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*Three important truths about the tongue:*

Truth #1: The tongue is extremely powerful. (v.3, 4)

Two illustrations to support this truth:

1. The bit in the horse's mouth. (v.3)
  
2. The rudder of a ship (v.4)

Truth #2: The tongue is incredibly destructive. (v.5-8)

Two illustrations to support this truth:

1. A fire in a forest. (v.5, 6)
  
2. A wild animal. (v.7, 8)

Truth #3: The tongue can be ruthlessly deceptive. (v. 9-12)

Two illustrations to support this truth:

1. A spring of fresh water and salt water. (v.11)
  
2. A fig tree bearing olives. (v.12)

*Why does a Bible teacher fall under a stricter judgment?*

*Three Reasons:*

A Bible teacher is responsible to speak the truth, not personal opinion.

What a Bible teacher says affects lives. (2 Timothy 2:15)

A Bible teacher is expected to live the truth not just teach it.