

## The Book of James – The Only NT Book

### James 3:1-18 The Untamable Tongue

#### Part 1 James 3:1-2 The Check

**James 3:1** Accountability of Teachers

**James 3:2** Thru the Spirit we can handle, if not tame (Galatians 5:16)

#### Part 2 James 3:3-12 The Problem

**James 3:3-8** The extent of damage the tongue can cause

**James 3:8** No one can tame(?!)

**James 3:9-12** The conflicted nature

Romans 7:14-15, 18-21, 8:1-4

#### Part 3 James 3:13-18 One or the Other

Wise/Understanding

Bitter Jealousy

Good behavior/deeds

Selfish Ambition

Gentleness

Arrogant liar

Pure

Disorder

Peaceable

Every evil thing

Reasonable (willing to yield)

Fleshly

Merciful

Unspiritual

Unwavering

Demonic

Echo: Galatians 5:14-15, 16-17, 19-26

#### Part 4 The Solution

Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20 **Key vs 18**

Philippians 2:1-4

**James 3:13, 17-18**

**Hurtful jabs** – most effective against those we love – we know how to stab and twist the knife!

**Gossip** – malicious motivation, irreparable damage.

**Cruel lies** – causing harm, gaining advantage, ego-wars

**Boasting** – arrogance destroys compassion and peacemaking, prevents reasonable yielding.

**Convincing others to sin** – peer pressure for other to condone by participation, or in order to multiply damage against someone.