

Questions on James chapter 3

1. What is another word for “masters”? What are the consequences of teaching something that is false? Verse 1.
2. What is a good reason we should move slowly to teach and advise others? What is evidence that someone has self-control over the members of his body? Verse 2.
3. To what is the bit in a horse’s mouth compared? How does this analogy illustrate control of the tongue? Verse 3.
4. What is the influence that the bit in a horse’s mouth is designed to overcome? Verse 3.
5. What point is illustrated by the figure of a “great” ship and a “very small” helm or rudder? Verse 4.
6. What is the influence or force that a ship’s rudder is designed to overcome? Verse 4.

7. What is the application of the illustrations of the bridle and the rudder? Verse 5.

8. What is the third illustration of the power of the tongue? Verse 5.

9. Is James speaking of the use or the misuse of the tongue? How is the tongue like a fire? Verse 6.

10. What are three consequences of an uncontrolled fire? To what is the fire resulting from an uncontrolled tongue like? Verse 6.

11. What has man been able to tame in the world of nature? Can you think of an incident or an example that illustrates man's ability to tame wild animals? Verse 7.

12. Since man is said to not be able to tame his tongue, does that mean we are excused from improper use of it? Has God given us an impossible task? Verse 8.

13. If an animal is tamed do we have to guard against it? Since the tongue cannot be tamed, what does James' statement teach us? Verse 8.

14. What does it mean to curse men? Why is it wrong to curse men? Verse 9.

15. What is the inconsistency described in this verse? Can you name anyone in the Bible who did this? Verse 10.

16. What inconsistency in men is not found in nature? What may we observe about "fountains" or springs? Verse 11.

17. What three things here would be contrary to nature? What is defective when cursing and blessing come from the same mouth, blessing or cursing? Verse 12.

18. How is the possession of wisdom and knowledge demonstrated? What is meant by "the meekness of wisdom"? Verse 13.

19. In the following verses, James contrasts earthly wisdom with heavenly wisdom. By what is “earthly wisdom” marked? Verse 14.

20. What are the characteristics of the wisdom that “descendeth not from above”? Verse 15.

21. What are the consequences of “envying and strife”? Verse 16.

22. From whom does the earthly wisdom come and from whom does the heavenly wisdom originate? Verse 17.

23. What are the characteristics of the wisdom that is from above? Verse 17.

24. What is the sphere where righteousness grows and where its fruit, good deeds, abounds? Who sows the seed the fruit of which is righteousness? Verse 18.