

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–15:6)

1. Faith Obeys the Word (1:19–27)
2. Faith Shows Impartial Love (2:1–13)
3. Faith Shows Righteous Works (2:14–26)
4. Faith Controls the Tongue (3:1–12)

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

THE POWER OF SPEECH

1. Correct Speech (vv 1,2)

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

“Not many should become teachers (serving in an official teaching capacity), for teachers will be judged by a higher standard (because they have assumed greater accountability and more condemnation if they teach incorrectly).” (James 3:1 Amplified Bible)

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

THE POWER OF SPEECH

2. Contradictory Speech *(vv 9,10a)*

9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men,
who have been made in the similitude of God.

10a Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.

“Speaking out of Both Sides of the Mouth”

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

THE POWER OF SPEECH

3. Conscientious Speech *(vv 8,10)*

8 But no man *(on his own)* can tame the tongue.
It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.
My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

“tame” – “subdue”

“Diligent, Careful, Governed by Conscience”

B4. Faith Controls the Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

THE POWER OF SPEECH

1. Correct Speech
2. Contradictory Speech
3. Conscientious Speech

“The officers answered, ‘No man ever spoke like this Man!’”
(John 7:46)