

WHY CONTROL OUR TONGUE, JAMES?

1. Because if one thinks they're "religious" and can't control their tongue, they are deceived (Js.1:26).
2. Because your religion is in vain or useless (Js.1:26).
3. Because of the effects our words have on others (Js.3:1).
4. Because of stricter judgment (Js.3:1).
Because we are fully responsible for every word we speak (Matt.12:36).
5. Because it is the most common cause for tripping us up (stumbling) (Js.3:2).
6. Because it is the measuring stick for spiritual maturity (Js.3:2).
7. Because it is an indicator of self control (Js.3:2-5).
8. Because of the tremendous power it has (Js.3:3-5).
9. Because of the potential good and evil (Js.3:2-5).
10. Because of the inevitable damage an uncontrolled tongue causes (Js.3:6).
11. Because it is a world of iniquity (sum total of evil) in us (Js.3:6).
12. Because it can defile a whole person (Js.3:6).
13. Because it "sets on fire the whole course of human life" (from birth to death it is a constant threat of destruction) (Js.3:6).
14. Because it is "set on fire by hell itself" to kindle within us what Satan desires (Js.3:6).
15. Because of its defiance of all human restraints (Js.3:7-8).
16. Because it is a restless unstable evil (Js.3:8).
17. Because it is full of deadly poison (Js.3:8) (towards the teller, the hearer, and the victims).
18. Because it reflects our sin of inconsistency (Js.3:8-11) by sending forth both blessing and cursing.
19. Because of the consequences of cursing (Js.3:9-11).
20. Because it reveals the true character of one's heart (Js.3:12).
Because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! (Matt.12:34-35).

No! It is not hopeless, it is a daily battle! Aware and prepared we must be, with these words our honest expression and confidence!

Phil.4:13

Ps.19:14

Ps.141:3