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James 3: 1 - 12

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James 1: 26

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

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James 3: 1 - 2

1 Not many of you should become teachers,
my fellow believers, because you know that
we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2
We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is
never at fault in what they say is perfect, able
to keep their whole body in check.

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Titus 2: 7 - 8

7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

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James 3: 3 - 5

3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to
make them obey us, we can turn the whole
animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although
they are so large and are driven by strong winds,
they are steered by a very small rudder
wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the
tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes
great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set
on fire by a small spark.

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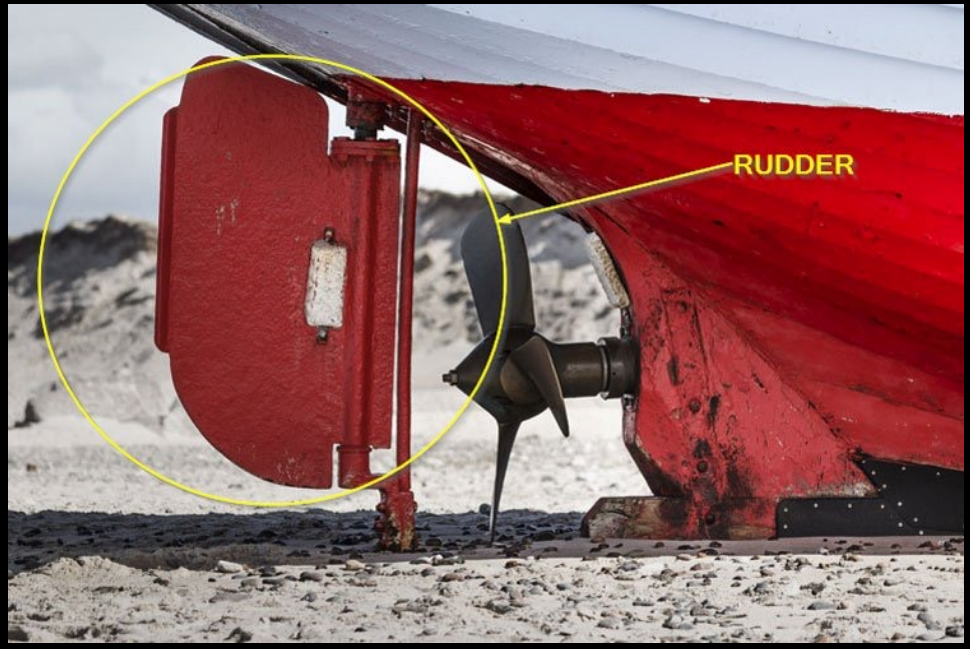
James 3: 6 - 8

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6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.




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Galatians 5: 22 - 25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23
gentleness and self-control. Against such things
there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ
Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions
and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us
keep in step with the Spirit.

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James 3: 9 - 12

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9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse human beings, who have
been made in God’s likeness. 10 Out of the same
mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and
sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh
water and salt water flow from the same spring?
12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear
olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt
spring produce fresh water.

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“To bless or thank God and then turn around and curse his likeness is like praising a king to his face and then smashing the head off his statue as one leaves the palace.”

James, Peter H. Davids, p.85





