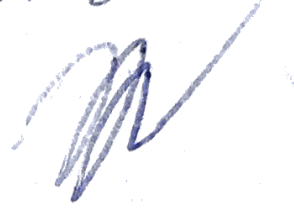


James 3: 1-15. Intro: when you do, assume our tongue. of the condition, tongue reveals condition inside - James assumes role, Dr. in Bible make control of tongue a matter of great importance. Matt 12: 37 - "By thy words thou shalt be justified, & by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Prov 18: 21 - "Death & life are in the power of the tongue."

I know no more to say about tongue than anyone else on every chapter. Chapter 3 fullest description - one of the great chapters of Bible -

I The Criteria By which Life is judged

vs 2. we all slip (sin) in many ways - more of tongue than any - of ~~them~~ don't offend of tongue, a perfect man - How different is D's standard from ours. Matt 12: 37



II The Compass By which Life is journeyed

vs 2 B, 3, 4.
 1 - Since tongue is most difficult member to control, we's ability to control tongue implies control over whole body.
 2. Horse + Ship = runaway horse
 3. tongue achieves great results
 a) can set the direction of other's lives
 b) can set direction of my own life
 Proverb - "Only a word"

III The Curse By which Life is jeopardized

6-12 -
 1 - Defiles our life - v. 6 - Bitterness, cynical spirit - can't know mind w/out getting hands dirty. By hypocrisy vs 9-12 Inconsistent
 2 - holding little girl, loving father, sticks out tongue at brother.
 3. Destroys other's life a) a fire - vs 5 b) a wild-ranger b. uncontrolled c. irreparable
 vs 6 = course = can destroy whole life
 4 Snake vs 8 = death-dealing poison, venom
 5 David Livingston - Bossip killed his family