

1 **The General Epistle of James**

Lesson 12 Chapter 3:1-5

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1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! James 3:1-5

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1 My brethren, *(3x in this chapter)*

be not many masters, (Matt 23:8, Heb 5:12. *See also, Ro 2:21, 12:6-7*)

knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (Margin: *Or, judgment.* 1 Co 11:34)

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Masters:

Matthew 23:8 "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Hebrews 5:12 "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

Romans 2:21 "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?"

Romans 12:6-7 "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;"

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2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, (2:10, Ro 14:21Co 8:13)

the same is a perfect man, (1:4)

and able also to bridle the whole body. (1:26)

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Offend:

James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

Romans 14:21 "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

1 Corinthians 8:13 "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

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3 Behold,

we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us;

Psalm 32:9 "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee." and we turn about their whole body.

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4 Behold also the ships,
which though they be so great,
and are driven of fierce winds,
yet are they turned about with a very small helm,
whithersoever the governor listeth.

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Governor:

Strong G2116 εὐθύνω euthýnō, yoo-thoo'-no from G2117; to straighten (level); technically, to steer:—governor, make straight. Adverb.

Listeth:

Matthew 17:12 "But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them."

John 3:8 "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Strong G1014 βούλομαι boúlomai, boo'-lom-ahee middle voice of a primary verb; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing:—be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing). Compare G2309. verb.

10 Helm/Tiller & Rudder Examples

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5 Even so the tongue is a little member, (Ps 12:3-4, Pro 18:21)
and boasteth great things.

Behold,
how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

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The tongue:

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Psalm 12:3 "The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:"

Psalm 12:4 "Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?"