

**“THE PERFECT MAN -
The Man Who Controls His Tongue”**

James 3:1 – 12

1. *LET NOT MANY BE TEACHERS, BUT CONTROL YOUR TONGUE* 1, 2

2. *TO CONTROL THE TONGUE, IS TO CONTROL THE WHOLE BODY* 3, 4
 - The Bit Controls the Horse
 - The Rudder Controls the Ship

3. *TO LACK CONTROL OF THE TONGUE, IS TO DEFILE THE WHOLE BODY* 5 - 8
 - The Small Fire Destroys the Whole Forest
 - Though Animals Have Been Tamed, the Tongue Has not Been

4. *THE TONGUE CAN BLESS OR CURSE, IT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT* 9 - 12
 - The Tongue Can Praise and Curse, Be Consistent with Your Tongue
 - Fountains and Trees Are Consistent. So Should the Tongue Be

What is a measure of spirituality?

The tongue.

The one who controls his speech, controls himself, and is a mature man.

“But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. . .
The one who guards his mouth preserves his life . . .
The one who desires life, to love and see good days,
Must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. . .
Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”
James 1:19; Proverbs 13:3; 1 Peter 3:10; Proverbs 18:21 NASB