James 3:1-12
"Taming the Tongue"

Outline

1. **Teacher's Stricter Judgment.** *(v. 1)*

   James 3:1 – "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment."

   - Two Reasons for Stricter Judgment.

2. **Measure of Maturity.** *(v. 2)*

   James 3:2 – "For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."

   - True Measure / False Measure.

3. **Life Controlled by the Tongue.** *(v. 3-5a)*

   James 3:5 – "So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things."

   - Two Analogies.

4. **The Tongue is a Fire.** *(v. 5b-6)*

   James 3:5 – "Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

   - Multiplying Effect.
   - Application.

5. **The Tongue is a Wild Beast.** *(v. 7-8)*

   James 3:8 – "But no one can tame the tongue…"

   - Mastering the Beast.

6. **The Tongue is a Fountain.** *(v.9-12)*

   James 3:11 – "Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?"

   - Fountain of Life or Broken Cistern?

Notes