

Personal Application and Conversations

1. How do you reconcile Matt. 28:19-20 & James 1:26? Are they in conflict or compatible with each other?
2. What is the difference between teaching and having the last word on a subject?
3. Since the tongue can talk about any issue ... it has the power to corrupt every issue. How does Proverbs 16:27 & 26:21 highlight this truth?
4. James describes the tongue as a wild animal fighting fiercely against the restraints of captivity. How are you doing controlling your 2.5 ounce troublemaker?



Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

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James has been called a practical manual for Christian living in the context of exile, persecution, and temptation. Do we need such a manual today?

Being exiled from one's home is a reality in war-torn countries but not yet in our country. Persecution on the basis of biblical beliefs is rare but does seem to be increasing. One may choose to hold their tongue when certain subjects come up.

James addressed the scattered Jewish Christians who were convinced that their Roman oppressors should be removed by force if necessary. His answer to them was to follow the example and teaching of Jesus.

Potential to Mislead

Propensity to Corrupt

Primitiveness to Combat

Power to Control

Proclivity to Compromise