

MANAGING YOUR MOUTH – JAMES 3:1-12

Managing Life's Manageables

² We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. **James 3:2 (NIV)**

➤ WHY MUST I LEARN TO MANAGE MY MOUTH?

1. MY MOUTH _____ WHERE I GO

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **James 3:3 (NIV)**

⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **James 3:4 (NIV)**

2. MY MOUTH CAN _____ WHAT I HAVE

⁵ Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **James 3:5-6 (NIV)**

²³ Keep your mouth closed and you'll stay out of trouble.
Proverbs 21:23 (TLB)

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸ but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **James 3:7-8 (NIV)**

3. MY MOUTH _____ WHO I REALLY AM

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. **James 3:10 (NIV)**

¹² My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. **James 3:12 (NIV)**

➤ THE PROBLEM: _____

³⁴ ... For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.
Matthew 12:34b (NIV)

➤ THE SOLUTION:

1) Get a _____

³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?
Ezekiel 18:31 (NIV)

2) _____ before I speak

¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **James 1:19 (NIV)**

3) _____ for help daily

³ LORD, help me control my tongue; help me be careful about what I say. **Psalms 141:3 (NCV)**