

## **RESPECTABLE SINS**

### **~ Confronting The Sins We Tolerate ~**

(3) Choose Your Words Wisely!

**James 3:3-10...**

When we put **bits** into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 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. 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**. 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**. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, **but no man can tame the TONGUE**. It is a **restless evil**, full of **deadly poison**. With the **TONGUE** we **praise our Lord and Father**, and with **IT** we **curse men**, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the **same mouth** come **praise** and **cursing**. My brothers, this should not be.

**1. LISTEN LONGER!**

**2. BRAG DIFFERENTLY!**

**3. CRITICIZE WISELY!**

**4. ENCOURAGE MORE!**

**1. LISTEN LONGER!**

**James 1:19...**

My dear brothers, **TAKE NOTE OF THIS... EVERYONE** should be **QUICK** to **LISTEN** - **SLOW** to **SPEAK** and **SLOW** to become **ANGRY!**

**2. BRAG DIFFERENTLY!**

**James 3:5...**

Likewise the **TONGUE** is a small part of the body but it makes **GREAT BOASTS**.

**Proverbs 27:2...**

Don't **PRAISE YOURSELF... LET OTHERS DO IT.**

**WORSHIP** and **EVANGELISM** are so seamlessly connected...  
Because **EVANGELISM** is nothing more than us... **BRAGGING ABOUT GOD... TO OTHERS!**

**3. CRITICIZE WISELY!**

**Psalms 140:3...**

They make their **TONGUES** as sharp as a **serpent's**; the **poison** of **vipers** is on their lips.

**James 3:9-10...**

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**1. Speak Softly!**

**Proverbs 25:15...**

Through **patience** a ruler can be **persuaded** and a gentle **TONGUE** can **break a bone**.

**2. Discern the READINESS... of the Person you are Talking With!**

**Proverbs 26:4-5...**

Do not **answer a fool** according to his **folly** – or you **will be like him yourself**.  
Answer a fool according to his **folly** – or he **will be wise in his eyes**.

**3. TIME your Words Carefully!**

**Proverbs 27:14...**

If a man **loudly blesses** his neighbor **early in the morning** – it will be taken as a **curse**.

**4. PRAISE before you CRITICIZE!**

**5. If you wouldn't say it when they are PRESENT – don't say it when they are ABSENT!**

**6. Look in the MIRROR FIRST!**

**7. Don't CRITICIZE... What you aren't willing to SOLVE!**

**4. ENCOURAGE MORE!**

**Ephesians 4:29...**

Do not let any **UNWHOLESOME** talk come out of your **mouth** but only what is **helpful** for **building others up** according to their needs that it may **BENEFIT** those who **listen**.