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Worship Service  
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## JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Fifteen • James 3:1-2

### Teachers Beware

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The tongue has the power to INFLUENCE many people, therefore recognize the great responsibility and greater accountability of teaching God's Word.

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21*

#### The Importance of Controlling the Tongue

### 1. A Serious WARNING for Aspiring Teachers!

#### **The Warning**

Not many of you should become TEACHERS (vs. 1).

#### **The Reason**

Those who teach will be JUDGED with greater strictness (vs. 1).

#### **The Point**

Recognize the great RESPONSIBILITY and greater accountability of teaching God's Word.

### 2. A Personal ADMISSION for All Believers!

#### **The Admission**

We all STUMBLE in many ways with our tongues (vs. 2).

#### **The Challenge**

If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a PERFECT man, able also to bridle his whole body (vs. 2).

#### **The Point**

A controlled tongue is the distinguishing mark of spiritual MATURITY.

#### **God's Provision for the Tongue**

Rely on the power of the GOSPEL to transform your talk.

*Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.  
Psalm 141:3*

*Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord.  
Psalm 19:14*