

## IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR THIS TONGUE?

*James 3:1-12 // November 2, 2025 PM*

*The Art of Tongue Control is a preliminary and ongoing course in Wisdom University.*

**I. You *must* get your tongue under control (vv. 1-5a).**

**II. You *can't* get your tongue under control (vv. 5b-12).**

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why does wisdom literature both within and outside of the Bible focus so much on the tongue?
2. Why shouldn't many aspire to be teachers and preachers in the church? What makes this calling so dangerous?
3. Is our text only about teachers? What indications make clear that it is not?
4. What small things does James point us to that have great power to direct and control? How does this relate to the tongue?
5. James doesn't appear to be very optimistic about our ability to control our tongues. Does this mean our speech is a hopeless cause?
6. What is the problem with a double tongue, and how does it relate to a double heart?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. In light of the emphasis James (and the rest of Scripture) puts on the tongue, do I think speech is emphasized enough in the Christian church today? Why, or why not?
2. How has my tongue been used for great good and great evil in the past? Why is this a sobering consideration?
3. Have I enrolled in Wisdom University? If so, how I am doing in The Art of Tongue Control? What grade would I give myself, and where could I grow by God's grace?