

## A Greater JUDGMENT? ~ James 3:1-2

→Scripture Reading- James 3.1-2, Hebrews 5.11-12

### INTRODUCTION

What you TEACH Matters: godly Teachers IMPACT lives for eternity, so do FALSE Teachers

### NOT Many TEACHERS Needed? ~ James 3:1-2

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**Matthew 23:1-3, 5** (NIV) Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: [2] The TEACHERS of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. [3] So you must OBEY them and do everything they tell you. But do NOT DO what they do, for they DO not practice what they preach... [5] Everything they DO is DONE for men to see...

### IMPLICATIONS

→God wants ALL of us to COMMUNICATE His WORD as Clearly and Accurately as possible

**Matthew 28:19-20** (NIV) ...GO and make disciples of all nations...

[20] ...TEACHING them to obey everything I have commanded you.

→Teachers will be held ACCOUNTABLE by God

**Acts 20:30-31** (NIV) Even from your own number men will arise and DISTORT the TRUTH in order to draw away disciples after them. [31] So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears

### APPLICATION

**James is NOT saying...**

- the church does not NEED Teachers
  - do not TRY if you can't do it PERFECTLY
  - we only NEED Professionals
  - let FEAR keep you from using your GIFTS
- TRUTH in the Context of RELATIONSHIP is Powerful

## James IS saying...

### ➤ OBEY the things that you TEACH

Christian teachers need to be primarily MODELS of INTEGRITY and secondarily INSTRUCTORS of CONTENT. LABC

### ➤ teach God's WORD

### ➤ teach ACCURATELY

### ➤ with increased Responsibility comes ACCOUNTABILITY

### ➤ the more PUBLIC the ministry the GREATER the danger

## We ALL STUMBLE ~ James 3:1-2

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→Spiritual maturity REQUIRES a TAMED tongue. BKC

## IMPLICATION

→James is NOT saying- Nobody is Perfect we ALL FALL so don't Worry about it

**James 1:22** (NIV) Do not merely listen to the WORD, and so deceive yourselves.  
DO what it says.

## TAKE AWAY ??

→NONE of us are off the HOOK

→ TRUTH in the Context of RELATIONSHIP is Powerful

**Hebrews 5:11-12** (NLT) There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually DULL and don't seem to listen. [12] You have been believers so long now that you ought to be TEACHING others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.