

## James 1:19-20 (NIV)

My dear brothers, take note of this:  
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to  
speak and slow to become angry, [20] for  
man's anger does not bring about the  
righteous life that God desires.

## James 1:26 (NIV)

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

James 3:1 (NIV)

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

## James 3:2 (NIV)

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.

# **A Greater JUDGMENT?**

**James 3:1-2**

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**What you TEACH Matters:**

godly Teachers

**IMPACT lives for eternity,**

so do FALSE Teachers

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...**

Matthew 23:3, 5 (NIV)

[3] ...**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...

→ 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

## 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

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**→Spiritual maturity**  
**REQUIRES a TAMED tongue.**

→ 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.**

→ **NONE** of us are **OFF** the **Hook**

> **Truth** in the **CONTEXT** of **Relationship**  
is **Powerful**

## So we **MUST**...

- **LIVE** out God's **WORD**
- **SPEAK** and **HONOR** God with our words
- make sure our **Words** and **ACTIONS** match

Hebrews 5:11 (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.**

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

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.