

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.