

# James — Worksheet 2

Taming the Tongue

Read the passages on the back of this sheet (or use the biblestudy.fyi TTS Bible Player) before you begin. Answer in your own words on the lines provided.

**1. According to James 3:2, what would it mean to be a 'perfect man'?**

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**2. What two images does James use in 3:3-4 to show how something small can control something large?**

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**3. How does James describe the tongue in James 3:5-6?**

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**4. What contradiction does James point out in James 3:9-10?**

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**5. Reflection: Is there a particular situation where you find it hardest to control your words?**

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## Scripture for James — Taming the Tongue

King James Version. Flip back to the front to answer the questions.

### James 3:2-10

<sup>2</sup>For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup>Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup>Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. <sup>5</sup>Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: <sup>8</sup>But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.