

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! -James 3:2-5

Know this my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. -James 1:19

## Quick to Listen

- Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be <u>wise</u>.-Proverbs 19:20
- He who answers before listening—that is his <u>folly</u>.-Proverbs 18:13

# Slow to Speak

- A fool has a reckless tongue.-Proverbs 12:18
- A wise person guards his mouth.-Proverbs 10:19;
  Proverbs 17:27
- A wise person is slow to speak.
  - Weigh your answers-Proverbs 15:28
  - Proverbs 18:2

#### Slow to Anger

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

## Foolishness of the world

- James 3:14
  - Bitter Jealousy
  - Selfish ambition
  - False to the truth

### Wisdom from above

- James 3:17
  - Pure
  - Peaceable
  - Gentle
  - Open to Reason
  - Full of mercy and good fruits
  - Impartial
  - Sincere
- Seek wisdom