

# The Tongue

James 3:1-6

(series #13)

## Introduction:

1. The responsibility of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15
  - “Study” or “Be diligent” or “Do your best”
  - “a worker not ashamed”
  - “rightly,” “correctly,” “accurately”
2. The instruction about the tongue
  - Proverbs 18:21
  - Proverbs 10:19
  - Psalm 34:12-13; 39:1
  - Proverbs 13:3; 21:23

## I. The Warning to Teachers v. 1

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:3, 12-17
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:1-5

## II. The Warning to All of Us vv. 2-6

- A. It takes maturity to bridle the tongue v. 2
- B. The tongue is small but powerful
  1. The illustration of a bridle bit v. 3
  2. The illustration of a rudder v. 4
  3. The illustration of a fire v. 5
- C. The tongue’s potential for damage v. 6
  1. The tongue is a fire
  2. It is a world of iniquity
  3. It defiles the whole body
  4. It is set on fire by hell

**Conclusion:** Psalm 141:3