

JAMES 3

SPEAK WISELY

Chapter 3

Summary: Right talk and right thought are signs of spiritual maturity.

I. Right talk: control the tongue (1-12): (A) it is **powerful** (1-5); (B) it is **destructive** (6-8); (C) it is **changeable** (9-12).

II. Right thought: exercise wisdom (13-18): (A) wisdom is **gentle** (13); (B) wisdom is **selfless** (14-16); (C) wisdom is **peaceable** (17-18).

Lesson: *Demonstrate spiritual maturity through wise talk and thought.*

More Scriptures on the tongue and heart:

Mt. 12:33-37 (A tree and its fruit) ~ *Ps. 141:1-4* (Guard your tongue)

Prov. 4:23 (Guard your heart) ~ *Prov. 16:23* (A wise man's heart)

2 Cor. 10:3-6 (Weapons of warfare) ~ *Phil. 4:6-7* (Prayer power)

Phil. 4:8 (Meditation)