



**A Biblical teacher needs to
learn Scripture accurately
and then teach it exactly
as it is recorded**





**GREAT RESPONSIBILITY
IN TEACHING**



James 3:1

What **James** is about to communicate **MUST** be evaluated from the standpoint of this **shared bond** in Christ



Matthew 12:33-37

EVERY “careless word” that creeps out of our mouths, we will be held accountable (That’s a scary thought!)



**“Careless” = Lazy, useless;
barren or fruitless**



**It would be better for us to
remain silent, then to open our
mouths and incur the
judgement of God**
**The words that come out
of our mouths begin in
our hearts**



**What we think about and
what we dwell upon and
what we desire after –
these things dominate and
direct our lives**



**That's God's standard, when
it comes to ALL our speech,
however, that standard is
ratcheted up for those
entrusted to teach**

James 3:1



**During the time of the
early church, **teaching** was
highly esteemed (many
sought after the notoriety
and **recognition**)**



**Unless God is clearly
directing you to become a
teacher, DON'T
(handling God's Word takes
prayer and care)**



**Being a teacher means you
will be held to a **higher
standard** and it also means
there's a potential **greater
punishment****

James 4:17



A spiritual leader starts by humbly acknowledging their personal desperate need, which is only satisfied in Christ (sensitively surrendering and faithfully following God's lead and direction)



James 3:1

James 1:26



The primary vessel used by teachers is the tongue (there are plenty of opportunities for ANY teacher to misspeak or muddy the waters)



There is a potential for Bible teachers to either knowingly or even unknowingly lead people astray by their words

Luke 12:48b

