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**Cain was angry and  
Cain allowed his emotions  
to direct his behavior  
(his actions)  
and Cain kills Abel**



# James 1:26

What we communicate is  
a **reflection** of what's going  
on inside of us (from the  
overflow of the **heart**  
the **mouth** speaks)





# James 3:1-5a





**THE TONGUE IS  
DANGEROUS**



# James 3:1

**James broadens the scope,  
scrutinizing the tongue is for  
more than Bible teachers,  
ALL of us need to do this**



# James 3:2

God's **holy standard**  
**NEVER** changes and no matter  
how hard we try **ALL** of us  
will fall **infinitely short**



**Our ineptness at controlling  
EVERY aspect of our speech  
should drive EACH of us to  
our knees in humble prayer**



# Matthew 26:41

**The disciples wanted to obey  
Jesus and do the right thing,  
but they lacked the strength,  
in themselves, to do so**



**“Bridle” = to hold in check; to  
keep under restraint**

**Galatians 5:22-26**



**2 examples of tiny objects,  
which **steer the direction** of  
the larger vessels**

**James 3:3-4**





**When we accept Christ as  
our **Savior** and allow Him to  
be Lord of our lives, we're  
handing Him the **keys****



**The matter of the **mouth** is a  
matter of the **heart** and that  
is a **BIG Deal** (regardless of  
its very small size)**

**James 3:5a**

