

James — Worksheet 2: Answer Key

Taming the Tongue — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. According to James 3:2, what would it mean to be a 'perfect man'?

Someone who does not stumble in word (speech).

2. What two images does James use in 3:3-4 to show how something small can control something large?

A bit in a horse's mouth, and a small rudder steering a large ship.

3. How does James describe the tongue in James 3:5-6?

A small member that can boast great things — 'a fire,' capable of great damage.

4. What contradiction does James point out in James 3:9-10?

That the same tongue can bless God and curse people made in His image — 'these things ought not so to be.'

5. Reflection: Is there a particular situation where you find it hardest to control your words?

Open, personal reflection.