

**James 3:1-12**  
**5 September 2021**  
**Oswego RP Church**  
**“Tame the Tongue?”**

**I. So you want to be a teacher? (1-2)**

- A.** Pros and cons of being a teacher (1 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 13:17-18; 1 Pt. 5:1-4; Mt. 24:45-51; Lk. 12:35-48; Ezek. 34:1-24).
- B.** Only a perfect man can bridle the tongue.
- C.** Why the warning?

**II. Respect the power of the tongue. (3-8)**

- A.** The tongue is powerful for good (Js. 1:18; Gen. 1; Heb. 13:15; Proverbs)
- B.** The tongue boasts great things (Pro. 18:20-21)
- C.** The tongue is powerful for evil (Gen. 3; 2 Sam. 15; Mt. 26:1-14).
  - 1.** Fire
  - 2.** World of unrighteousness
  - 3.** Polluting the whole body
  - 4.** Igniting the whole course of life
  - 5.** Set on fire by hell
  - 6.** Untamable
  - 7.** Full of deadly poison

**III. “Keep your forked tongue behind your teeth.” (9-12)**

- A.** How the tongue is forked.
- B.** Who can tame the tongue? (Ex. 4:11; Mk. 5:1-20)

