

## WE NEED BIBLE TEACHERS

TEXT: James 3

INTRODUCTION:

1. Matthew 28:19–20. 2. Luke 10:2. 3. 2 Timothy 2:2.
4. *Be not many of you teachers* ... (James 3:1, ASV).

(Here, I noted that James' words were not a **contradiction** to the former passages; rather, they are **contextual** to the poor qualities of some of the Christians to whom he was writing).

DISCUSSION:

### I. THE PLAUSIBLE TERROR FOR BIBLE TEACHERS.

A. James 3:1–2a.

B. Stricter Judgment.

Once again, this is a very contextual statement. Every teacher has the burden to teach what is true, and then to live out what is true.

C. Common Stumbling.

(Here, I noted a variation between translations. Some translations word the beginning of verse two as if it is common/possible for each of us to sin. Other translations word it as if it is common/possible for each of us to cause others to sin. Either interpretation would be true, but contextually, I believe James is referring to causing others to sin, especially by the use of our tongues and by the things we teach.)

D. We need conscientious Bible teachers.

### II. THE POWERFUL TOOL OF BIBLE TEACHERS. (**The tongue**)

A. James 3:2b–12.

B. Seven Illustrations

(Horse, Ship, Fire, Animal Kingdom, Fountain/spring, Fig Tree, Vine).

C. Two More Illustrations (Power Tools, Kitchen Tools).

D. We need conscientious, consistent Bible teachers.

### III. SOME PRACTICAL TRAITS FOR BIBLE TEACHERS.

A. James 3:13–18.

B. Heavenly Wisdom.

C. Godly Knowledge.

D. Good Conduct.

E. We need conscientious, consistent, consecrated Bible teachers.

CONCLUSION:

1. We need Bible teachers who are truly Christian.
2. Are you truly following Christ?