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❖ With greater influence comes greater accountability

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.



James 3:1 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.



2 Timothy 4:3–5 (NIV)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.



Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.



2 Timothy 4:3–5 (NIV)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven
against all the godlessness and wickedness of people,
who suppress the truth by their wickedness,



Romans 1:18 (NIV)

There is a tension around true Christianity that will always challenge you.

God is easy to please, but hard to satisfy.

Just because God accepts you where you are doesn't mean He wants you to stay there.

He will always be challenging you to grow and be more like Jesus.



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James 3:1–12 (NIV)



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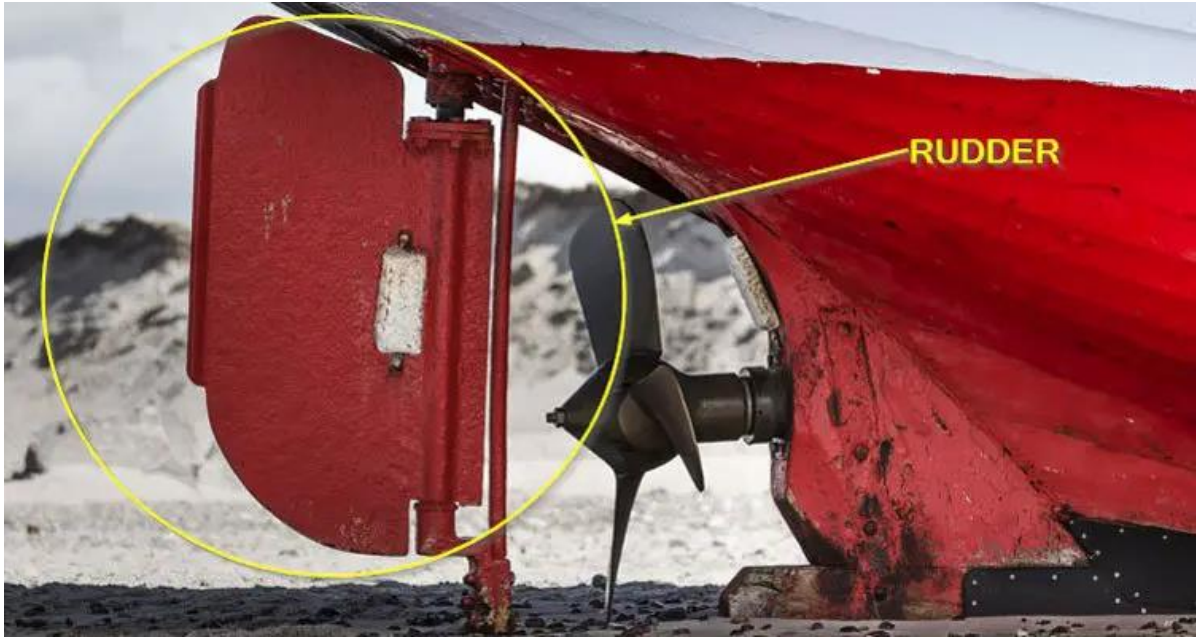
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❖ Your ability to control your speech has a huge impact on your life

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.



James 3:3-4 (NIV)



Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.



James 3:5-6 (NIV)

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.



Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word
cheers it up.



Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul
and healing to the bones.



Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)

A person finds joy in giving an apt reply— and how good is a timely word!



Proverbs 15:23 (NIV)



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All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



James 3:7-8 (NIV)



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With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.



James 3:9–12 (NIV)

Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.



James 3:9–12 (NIV)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.



Luke 6:45 (NIV)

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.



James 1:26 (NIV)

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