



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Sep. 29, 6:30 p.m.



In Word – Taming the Tongue

Chapter 3 of James' letter warns about the need to control what we say. But it begins with a statement saying that not many people should become teachers. The way the sentence reads in English gives us a perception of James issuing a general warning about the difficulties of teaching and an unfair-sounding increased responsibility for inaccurate instruction.

*Not many should become teachers,
my brothers, because you know that
we will receive a greater judgment.
— James 3:1 (LEB)*

The original structure of the sentence, however, is more like, “*Stop becoming many teachers.*” This indicates that rather than a general warning to people who may want to consider becoming teachers, James saw a present problem with too many of the new Jewish Christians trying to teach new converts material that they themselves didn't fully understand. Jesus' admonition against the blind leading the blind (Matt 15:14) comes to mind. There was, and always is, a need for wise teachers — but not for foolish ones.

Paul notices the problem in his letters to the church in Corinth also, and reinforces the limited call for teachers.

... whom God has appointed in the church: first, apostles, second,

prophets, third, teachers, ... Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? — 1 Cor 12:28–29

The rabbi was the teacher and had an important responsibility to the community. Good teachers are important to society; incompetent teachers can cause great harm.

The second part of this passage from James warns against impulsive responses. We all do it. We say the wrong thing sometimes and make a bad situation worse. Or we don't say the things we should (like, "I'm sorry").

James describes the irony of one of the smallest organs in the body leading the rest of the body into so many difficult situations. Just as the rudder of a ship is much smaller than the rest of the ship, it still steers the ship into or away from obstacles and destruction.

Humans had tamed nearly every animal species in the region, yet no human has been able to tame his or her own tongue.

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect individual, able to hold in check his whole body also. ³ And if we put bits in the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we also guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Behold also ships: although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot wishes. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member of the body and boasts great things. Behold how small a fire sets ablaze how great a forest! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire! The world of unrighteousness, the tongue, is set among our members,

defiling the whole body and setting on fire the course of human existence, being set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of animals and birds, of reptiles and sea creatures, is being tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no human being is able to tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. — James 3:2–8

Often Christians try to pass off this particular character flaw as a manufacturing defect: "that's the way God made me." If we're prone to snippiness or have a hot temper, it's not our fault — God made us like that. It's not a personality discrepancy that I need to work on, it's a imperfection in the model God made before shipping me to his distributor: my parents.

The problem with that is it's a flawed premise. The landscaped lawn and the overgrown vacant lot both have the same raw materials. Someone put a lot of work into the landscaping though, and ignored the work needed for the vacant lot.

We all know people who have "hot tempers" and their friends and family accept that personality aspect as "that's just the way he or she is." But we know those people keep their tempers in check when they're with their employer or they wouldn't still have a job. The "I've got a hot temper and you're just going to have to deal with it" statement is always given downhill to someone subordinate in the relationship, never uphill.

A psychology professor I had once reframed the statement for us: "I'm an adult with poor impulse control, but I'm too immature to modify my behavior, so you'll have to modify yours." Ouch.

James is telling us the problem isn't with the manufacturer or the distributor; it's with us. We need to control our own verbal behavior just as the law ensures we control our physical behavior. Think about it. If we went around punching everyone we saw, pretty soon the cops would come take us away for assault. Yet we do it verbally through email, Facebook, or Twitter almost regularly. We can disagree with people (and can expect likewise from others toward us), and yet still be civil and even respectful in our debates.

Jesus tells us that we are defiled by what comes out of us:

There is nothing outside of a person that is able to defile him by going into him. But the things that go out of a person are the things that defile a person... ²¹For from within, from the heart of people, come ... abusive speech, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within and defile a person." — Mark 7:15, 21, 23

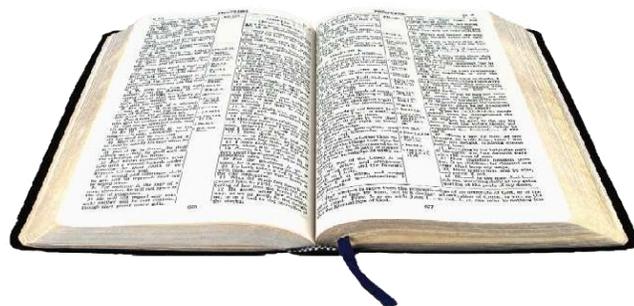
James reminds us that we cannot praise God through defiled mouths and hearts. We have to modify our behavior to conform with Christ's commands to us. Our voices should declare God's glory, not sully his creation.

With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so! ¹¹A spring does not pour forth from the same opening fresh and bitter water, does it? ¹²A fig tree is not able, my brothers, to produce olives, or a grapevine, figs. Neither can a saltwater spring produce fresh water. — James 3:9-12

Let's strive to be fresh water for a thirsting world.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



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Season after Pentecost Sunday's Lessons

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 116: 1-8

2nd Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38



Please note:
The deadline for newsletter submission is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Thank you.



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Steve Warner, Dale, Scotty Haskell,

Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kim Henehan, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Maureen Light, Tim Harris, Lety, Bryan, and Linda.

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CTR Prayer Project

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. – Matthew 10:1

When Jesus called His disciples, He said, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Some of them were fishermen, but others were not, but I doubt if any of them knew what Jesus meant by “fishers of men.” Even after His death on the Cross, they didn’t fully understand that term. They were hiding in a house in Jerusalem, afraid to go out for fear they would end up on a cross like Jesus. Some of them had been “disciples” of John the Baptist, but not all of them.

So, just what does it mean to be a disciple, and especially to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary defines disciple as a follower—one who adheres to the doctrines of another. In the United States today, there are disciples of socialism and Marxism. There are disciples of critical race theory and Black Lives Matter. There are disciples of patriotism. What we believe tends to prescribe our actions. If we believe the government should take care of every aspect of our lives, socialism is what we follow.

If we believe having black skin makes us better than having white skin, then CRT or BLM are

the doctrines we pursue. But Jesus didn’t tell His disciples to follow a particular doctrine. He told them to follow HIM. It was a while before they realized that He is God, but they did their best to drop everything and follow Him wherever He went. In the process of following Him, they discovered things about Him that they didn’t know when they first were called. They discovered He was honest, loyal, faithful, wise, a hard worker, a man with endless energy, and they believed Him to be the long-awaited Messiah.

Our Mission Statement at our church is “Disciples Who Make Disciples.” Our Mission Statement more closely approaches the idea of making us “fishers of men.” When you love a person and everything he or she stands for, you want to become like that person. You would be willing to follow them wherever they went. You admire that person so much that you want to introduce them to the whole world. The disciples spent three years with the Messiah before His death, but after His death, they were prepared to go their separate ways and return to their previous occupations.

What was it that made the difference between just admiring Jesus and wanting to tell the world about Him? I believe it was two things. First, after His Resurrection, He explained the Scriptures to them. He pointed out all the places in Scripture that pointed directly to Him. He explained why He had to die on the Cross and rise on the third day. And He explained that they needed the second thing before they could go out into the world and make disciples of others. They needed power from above, and that power comes to us in the Person of the Holy Spirit of God. When we have the power of Almighty God living in us, we are prepared to shout the Gospel from the rooftops and love our most unlovable enemy.

Today, we learn how the Scriptures point to Jesus by reading and studying our Bibles, and we discover the power of God in us only when we are willing to step out in faith and put His power into practice in the world around us. Are you a true disciple yet?

Praying in One Accord It is impossible to be a disciple of Christ if we are unwilling to be in

one accord with His character and His doctrines.

Accord Prayer Lord Christ, You have called us to become Your disciples, and You have equipped us for any and every task You have given us to perform. Please help us follow You closely and make disciples in the world around us by setting a good example of what it means to follow and obey You. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to teach us about a relationship with You; thank You for calling us to intimacy with You so that we can make more disciples and grow Your Kingdom. Amen.



Mark Your
CALENDAR 

Sunday, Sep 12
11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Sep 14
6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Matthew)

Wednesday, Sep 15
2 p.m. Bible Study (2 Peter)
5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, Sep 19
11:30 a.m. Worship Service



Restraining the Tongue (James 3:1-12)

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HUMAN	JUDGMENT	KNOW
MANY	MEMBER	MOUTH
PRODUCE	RECEIVE	SAME
SMALL	SPECIES	SPRING
STUMBLE	TAME	TEACHERS
THINGS	TONGUE	WATER

Old Testament Scriptures That Describe The Coming Messiah

The Messianic Prophecy (paraphrased)	Where the prophecy appears in the Old Testament (written between 1450 BC and 430BC)	Jesus' fulfillment of the prophecy in the New Testament (written between 45 and 95 AD)
The Messiah will be the offspring (descendant) of the woman (Eve)	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
The Messiah will be a descendant of Abraham, through whom everyone on earth will be blessed	Genesis 12:3; 18:18	Acts 3:25,26
The Messiah will be a descendant of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2 and Luke 3:33
The Messiah will be a prophet like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Acts 3:22,23
The Messiah will be the Son of God	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22
The Messiah will be raised from the dead (resurrected)	Psalm 16:10,11	Matthew 28:5-9; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:4-7; John 20:11-16; Acts 1:3 and 2:32
The Messiah crucifixion experience	Psalm 22 (contains 11 prophecies—not all listed here)	Matthew 27:34-50 and John 19:17-30
The Messiah will be sneered at and mocked	Psalm 22:7	Luke 23:11,35-39
The Messiah will be pierced through hands and feet	Psalm 22:16	Luke 23:33 and 24:36-39; John 19:18 and 20:19-20,24-27
The Messiah's bones will not be broken (a person's legs were usually broken after being crucified to speed up their death)	Psalm 22:17 and 34:20	John 19:31-33,36
Men Will Gamble for the Messiah's clothing	Psalm 22:18	Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23,24
The Messiah will be accused by false witnesses	Psalm 35:11	Matthew 26:59,60 and Mark 14:56,57

The Messiah will be hated without a cause	Psalms 35:19 and 69:4	John 15:23-25
The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	John 13:18,21
The Messiah will ascend to heaven (at the right hand of God)	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; 2:33-35; 3:20-21; 5:31,32; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20,21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22 . . . sorry, we got carried away! 😊
The Messiah will be given vinegar and gall to drink	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; John 19:29,30
Great kings will pay homage and tribute to the Messiah	Psalms 72:10,11	Matthew 2:1-11
The Messiah is a “stone the builders rejected” who will become the “head cornerstone”	Psalms 118:22,23 and Isaiah 28:16	Matthew 21:42,43; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-8
The Messiah will be a descendant of David	Psalms 132:11 and Jeremiah 23:5,6; 33:15,16	Luke 1:32,33
The Messiah will be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-35
The Messiah’s first spiritual work will be in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-7	Matthew 4:12-16
The Messiah will make the blind see, the deaf hear, etc.	Isaiah 35:5-6	Many places. Also see Matthew 11:3-6 and John 11:47
The Messiah will be beaten, mocked, and spat upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67 and 27:26-31
The “Gospel according to Isaiah”	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
People will hear and not believe the “arm of the LORD” (Messiah)	Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37,38
The Messiah will be rejected	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 27:20-25; Mark 15:8-14; Luke 23:18-23; John 19:14,15

The Messiah will be killed	Isaiah 53:5-9	Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:46; John 19:30
The Messiah will be silent in front of his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 26:62,63 and 27:12-14
The Messiah will be buried with the rich	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:59,60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:52,53; John 19:38-42
The Messiah will be crucified with criminals	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27; Luke 23:32,33
The Messiah is part of the new and everlasting covenant	Isaiah 55:3-4 and Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6-13
The Messiah will be our intercessor (intervene for us and plead on our behalf)	Isaiah 59:16	Hebrews 9:15
The Messiah has two missions	Isaiah 61:1-3 (first mission ends at “. . . year of the LORD’s favor”)	First mission: Luke 4:16-21; Second mission: to be fulfilled at the end of the world
The Messiah will come at a specific time	Daniel 9:25-26	Galatians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:10
The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4-7
The Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-11
The Messiah will be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12,13	Matthew 26:15 with Matthew 27:3-10
The Messiah will forsaken by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31,56
The Messiah will enter the Temple with authority	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12 and Luke 19:45