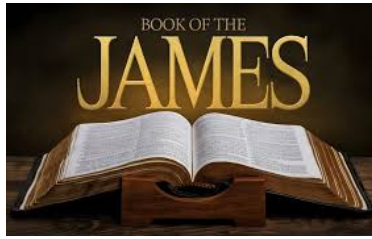


HAPPY SUNDAY FROM SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



The Book Of James - Pt. 5

Sermon Scripture = James 3:1-12 (NIV)

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

2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Lessons From James Chapter 3:1-12

1 - The Heavy Responsibility Of Teaching Gods Word - VS 1

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5 Examples Of The Power Of The Tongue - VS 2-8

- 1 - A small bits into the mouths of horses
 - 2 - A small rudder on a ship
 - 3 - A small spark of a great forest fire
 - 4 - Wild animals being tamed
 - 5 - Deadly poison from a snake most likely
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3 - The Example Of Fresh And Salt Water - VS 9-12

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Additional Scripture References From Today's Message

Hebrews 12:4-11 - The Lord disciplines his children.

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV) - Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. (Or in other words they will suffer the blessings or the consequences of their words)

Galatians 5:15 - If you bite & devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Proverbs 16:16-19 - There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Ephesians 4:29-30 - 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption

Genesis 3:1-7 - Eve opening her heart to receive an evil report about God