

Christian Conversation 101

Series: **A Faith That Works** Text: **James 3:1-2**

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The believers James wrote to were having problems with their tongues (1:26; 2:12; 4:1, 11-12). Of course, the tongue is not the problem; it is the heart (3:14). In chapter three, James will address the issues of who is in control of the tongue, the consequences of our words, and the motives behind them. As he begins, he speaks of teachers and the responsibility we all have for what we say.

Proverbs on the tongue (Prov. 12:16-19; 18:21; 29:20)

Caution (v. 1)

1st – Judgment cometh (v. 1b)

Increased responsibility = increased

A _____.

(Luke 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:12-15)

2nd – We are all going to S _____.

(Rom. 3:9-14; Job 40:4; Isa. 6:5; Rom. 7:18)