

Js. 3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. [Future – I Cor. 11:29;34; I Pt. 4:17]

² For we [teachers 4 Christ] all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble [trip] in word, he *is* a [mature] perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

NIV -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.

1. What is a Teacher 4 Christ...called to teach? (ideas? 'I Think'? Freedom of Sp.?)
2. What keeps a Teacher 4 Christ from stumbling?
3. What guides a Teachers heart...that guides their words as they teach?
4. What matures or 'sets apart' the teacher for what they are called to?
5. What leads their hearts...which controls their bodies?

Jesus Prayed 4 This: Jn 17:¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify [set apart, consecrate] them by Your truth. [maturity/control] Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes [as an example] I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. [perfect/controlled Apostle-Amb.]

Biblical Principle: How Does God Turn? In Obedience? Steer? Pilot? Ps.119:105

³ Indeed, we **put bits in** horses' mouths that they may **obey** us, and we turn their whole body.

⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, **they are turned** by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

Biblical Principle: Even with the Word – We Still have a TONGUE.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a **little member** and boasts great things. [Prideful]

A Believer: Can READ – KNOW the Word...and Leave a Life/Swath of Destruction

Jesus warned His disciples/these men about SIN – HEART – MEMBERS:

Matt. 18:6 "Whoever causes [with your pride/tongue/___] one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, [be trapped, trip up, stumble] it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe **to that man** by whom the offense comes! [Stricter Judgment]

⁸ "If **your** [disciple/teachers] hand or foot causes **you** to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from **you**. It is better for **you** to **enter into life** [life of service] lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting [without end] fire. [Who is the 'YOU'? Disc. – Messianic Judges – Teachers -Apostle -Amb.]

⁹ And if **your** eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from **you**. It is better for you to **enter into life** with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into **hell** [gehenna] fire. [Can these disciples 'lose their salvation' position? K. Inheritance]

- Who is Jesus speaking these principles to? (18:1)
- γέεννα -Jewish Picture of Consequence – Chastisement - Place outside the city
 - **Matt. 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15,33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Lk 12:5**

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⁵ **Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.** [Offenses]

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! [Destroy: Self – Family – Ministry]

⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity.

The tongue **is so set among our members** that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire [ablaze] the course [wheel] of nature [existence]; and it is set on fire [ablaze] by **hell**. [Gehenna]

Application 4 These Teachers:

1. An 'unbridled' tongue – brings offense – defiles all of YOU [Temple I Cor. 3:16]
2. **1:23 (Forget Call) – As an Ambassador/Teacher -Called to teach the Word:**
 - a. Defilement means = being 'cut off' & 'cast out' from ministry -Jn 15
 - b. **Call – Gifting – Ministry:**

Jn 15:6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **Mt. 12:36**

Applications:

1. Teaching the Word comes with: Accountability -Pressure – 'Push back'
 - Church – Marriage – Family – Friends – Work- Community
2. The Word of God keeps you from stumbling:

"Read it OR FALL...You – Spouse – Family...."
3. You can SAY you are faithful...while YOUR TONGUE destroys around 'U'
 - **"Not MY Problem...IS YOUR Problem...and WILL BE YOUR Problem."**
4. YOU don't decide 'What to Teach' ...YOU teach what God has Given.
5. YOU don't Determine 'WHO' is an Obedient/'Good' Bible Teacher is...GOD Already HAS by the Word...GOD DEALS with them.