

# SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCTORY REVIEW

February 11, 2018

## *A Disciplined Faith*

**James 3:1-12**

### LESSON OUTLINE

- 1. James 3:1-6 – CONTROL YOUR TONGUE!**
- 2. James 3:7-12 – IT WILL NOT BE EASY**

As the Bible Expositor and Illuminator concluded last week's lesson it stated: "...*James expounded this great truth in order for each believer to examine the reality of his own faith. Many people are living under the false assumption that they are saved when there has been no change in their hearts.*" Chapter 2 ends with this statement: "...*the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*"

Today we move into Chapter 3 looking at A Disciplined Faith. Dictionary.com defines discipline as, "*training to act in accordance with rules; drill...activity...or a regime that develops or improves a skill; training.*" Faith is, "*confidence or trust...belief that is not based on proof.*" Together they can be said to teach us how to act when we put our trust in God and all His laws.

The Golden Text, Memory Verse or motto text is James 3:8 which deals with the tongue. The tongue is such a small part of the body, yet it can be so destructive. In fact the title of the section is The Untamable Tongue. Dictionary.com says that untamable is, "*not capable of being tamed, subdued, or made obedient.*" Therefore, no matter how hard, how long or how determined we try, we cannot tame the tongue. That can only be done with the Holy Spirit.

The tongue is a vital part of the anatomy. Without it we cannot talk nor eat. It is a necessary part of us. Try whistling without a tongue. It is also used to taste. Imagine eating that fantastic meal, not knowing the difference in your meat from your beans or bread. That would be a disaster; all your food tastes the same, bland. Your food would also go down in balls; having nothing to control the amount you swallow. It is necessary, but it can destroy.

In order for our Faith to be in Action it must be disciplined and under control. Our lesson will show how we must seek to have Disciplined Faith. May the Holy Spirit speak through our teacher as we study.