

E-Series Tongue Tint



1 Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2** We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his 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 person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, **8** but no man 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 men, who have been made in God's likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. —**James 3:1-10**

This past Sunday we continued our Lenten journey thinking about things in our lives that prevent us from reflecting God's light and love to the world. We all struggle with various things that hinder our shining.

So far we have reflected upon Burden Blinds and Grudge Grime. On Sunday we talked about Tongue Tint.

Slowly read the passage from James above. What does this passage say to you? In what ways do you struggle to tame your tongue?



Time to Shine in 2009!

Trying to Clear my Tongue Tint,
Pastor Michael