

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,... Proverbs 12:18 (ESV)

- **Lying** - saying what isn't true
- **Blasphemy** - insulting God
- **Gossip** - saying something about someone you wouldn't say to their face
- **Boasting** - speaking with pride about yourself
- **Deceit** - not being honest
- **Flattery** - insincere praise
- **Slander** - damaging another's reputation
- **Profanity** - using swear words or inappropriate language
- **Hypocrisy** - pretending to be what you are not

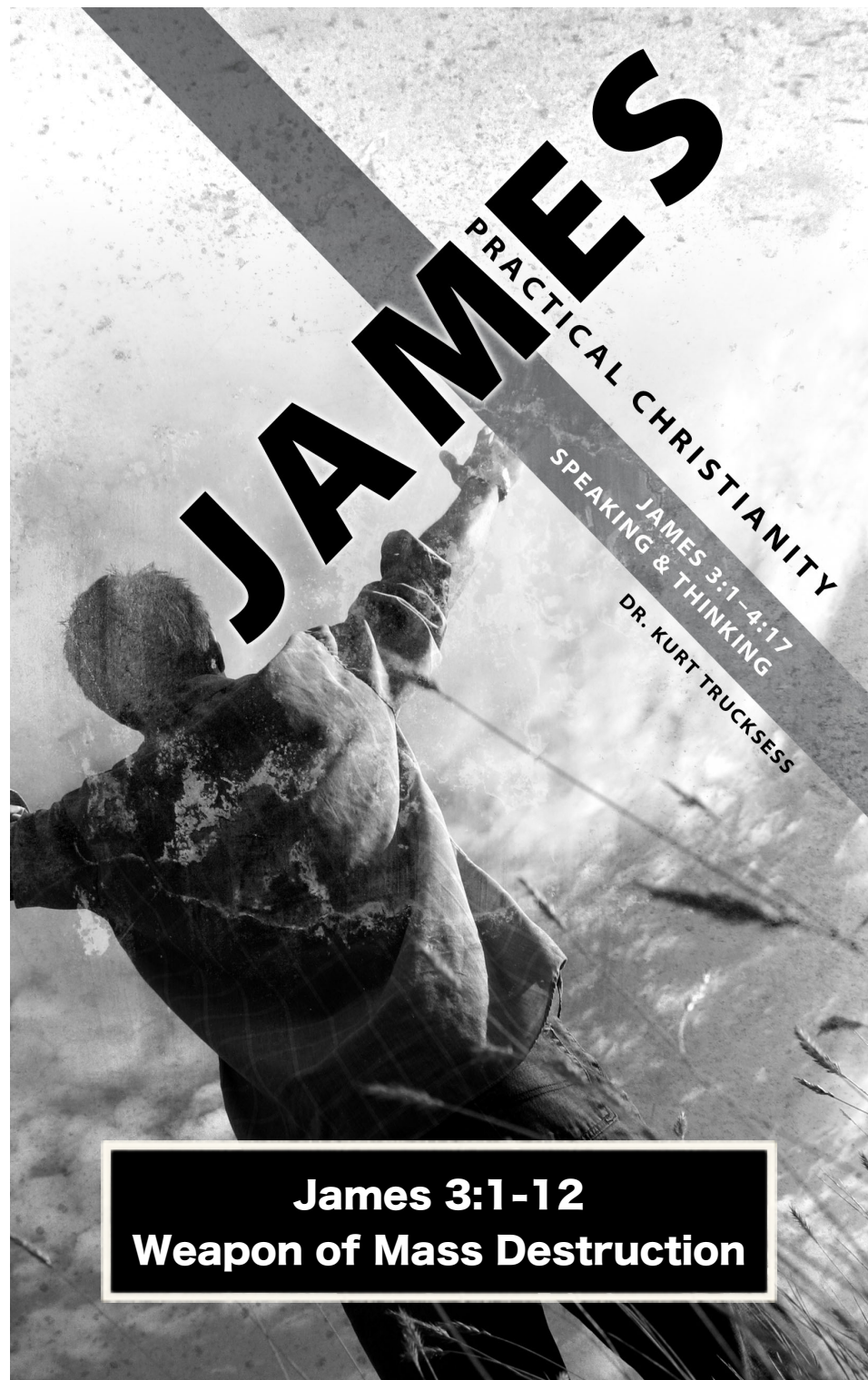
They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's, and under their lips is the venom of asps. Selah Psalm 140:3 (ESV)

## The tongue shows our inconsistency.

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. James 3:9–12 (ESV)

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## James 3:1-12 Weapon of Mass Destruction



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### James 3:1-12 - Weapon of Mass Destruction

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#### Preachers and Teachers will be judged with greater strictness.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. James 3:1-2 (ESV)

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

***Teaching** - Someone with spiritual understanding of God's Word communicating that truth to Christians in ways they can understand and apply to their lives.*

...Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more. Luke 12:48 (ESV)

There is no special honor in preaching. There is only special pain. The pulpit calls those anointed to it as the sea calls its sailors; and like the sea, it batters and bruises and does not rest... To preach, to really preach, is to die naked a little at a time and to know each time you do it that you must do it again. James, John MacArthur, pg. 150.

#### If you can control your mouth, you can control your life.

...if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body...

#### The tongue is small but powerful.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. James 3:3-5a (ESV)

#### The tongue is small but destructive.

...How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:5b-8 (ESV)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,... Proverbs 18:21 (ESV)

Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble. Proverbs 21:23 (ESV)