



TALES FROM THE CRYPT?

hearing from James,
the Son of Joseph,
the Brother of Jesus.

part three

The Rudder, The Spark, The Snake

Introduction – Does it matter?

James 1:26

The Need to Control It!

James 3:1-2

1) Be _____ when you start _____ out spiritual _____.

Matthew 23:8-12

1 Timothy 1:6-7

2) The _____ is in the _____.

Matthew 15:11

The Rudder – James 3:4

1. Both are _____ and _____ in effecting the whole.

2. Both _____ against _____ times.

TAKEOUT: Find one opportunity this week to increase the control of your rudder in an turbulent relationship.

The Spark – James 3:5-6

Ephesians 4:29

TAKEOUT: If you don't have anything good to say – don't say anything at all.

The Snake – James 3:9-12

Isaiah 29:13

TAKEOUT: Mean what you say.

Conclusion – Get a handle on it!

James 3:13-18

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, perplexed or confused you.
2. Discuss this quote: "Whatever words we utter should be chosen with care for people will hear them and be influenced by them for good or ill." - Siddhartha Gotama

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read James 3:13-18.
4. How do these two kinds of wisdoms differ to their source? their symptoms? their results?
5. What the connection between James 3:1-12 and James 3:13-18.

SO WHAT?...

5. How is "earthly wisdom" hurting you?
6. In which areas do you need "heavenly wisdom"?
7. How can you cultivate heavenly wisdom this week?

HOMEWORK...

8. Read James 4:1-17.
9. What area in your life do you have a hard time submitting to God?

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