

## The Bridle of the Body

Intro. Most have preached on Rom 6:13. Yield members as instr of rtness unto God. Ded is of whole body and that includes parts. Not only ambitions, will, but members--hands, feet, and in particular that little member, Jas 3:5, tongue. Yielded tongue in turn becomes the bridle for whole body. God's bridle curbs horse from doing things and controls him to do. Neg and post. So a bridled tongue doesn't do and does and in turn affects whole body.

I. Good Bridle involves curbs, Prov 15:1-4.

A. Keeps you from harsh <sup>strong words</sup> answer, 1.

Soft is used of children in OT. Not muscular.

Opposite is grievous or better wounding. Generates anger and anger leads to murder. Wound a reputation, an image, and truth.

B. Keeps you from <sup>senseless words</sup> foolish speech, 2. Shows great knowledge or makes know acceptable. Proper use of what is true. Tells truth and applies it correctly. Doesn't tell everything you know all at once.

e.g. doctrines of predes, disp. Example of X, Mt 20:20. Precept of 1 Pet 4:8. Covers not condones. Tongue curbed to feed others truth properly.

C. Keeps you from <sup>sick words</sup> damaging speech, 4.

Gentleness of the tongue is a tree of life, but falseness in it is a wounding to the spirit. (of one to whom speaking).

II. Good Bridle involves positive control, Epl. 4:6

A. Use grace.

Meaning. Attractive. Winsome. Gracious.

Thanks. With sense of unmerited favor.

How? Remember nothing but what recd.

Talk thankfully.

Exclude doubletonguiness, I Tim 3:8. Men.

Exclude slandering, women, I Tim 3:11

Moderating male and fiery female.

*What things to come in Jn 16  
Little but governing*

*-only member specifically mentioned in NT.*

B. Use salt.

~~Salty/A/~~ salted not salty. Or impalatable.  
Sattled makes tasty. Often very little diff bet.  
Why this figure?

Preserves, meat.      Cleanses, teeth.

De-ices, sidewalk.      Creates thirst, ham.

Proper speech does all this.

Maybe not all at once. Dont' put all the spices  
in the food. Just right amt for occasion.

III. Good bridle involves consistency, Jas.

3:9-12.

Don't bridle horse so can do one thing one day  
and another another. To train. Bridle tongge to  
train whole body.

A. Consistent in content, what I say.

Lord teach me to pray, I can't pray for missions.

B. Consistent in character, way I say.

Not erratic. Not bear and angel. *Courtesy*

C. Consistent in circumstances, place. *Where.* *Daniel - requested a bench there*

Same in and out of school *with classmates +*

Same in and out of home *teachers*

with or without wife.

private or public prayer.

*Yield tongue as inst. of stress - int  
just keep mouth shut.*