



James 3:3-12

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.

Q: How can words “control” our destiny?

Three Biblical Questions Before Criticizing:

1. Is it hypocritical? (*Matthew 7:1-5*)

2. Is it helpful? (*Ephesians 4:29*)

3. Is it sinful? (*Leviticus 19:16; Romans 1:28-31*)

Word Challenge: In the next 24 hours, use your words to *encourage* 5 people