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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

The Story Behind Exodus 16

The Sin in Exodus 16

- The O.T. term “grumbling” — Used **21** times in the O.T., **13** times in Exodus 15-17
- The N.T. teaching on “grumbling” — God uses Israel as an **EXAMPLE** of how we are not to be like them.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

*“We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not **grumble**, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.”*

Philippians 2:14-15

*“Do all things without **grumbling** or **disputing**; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,”*

Conclusion: Sinful grumbling is a rebellious complaining with our **MINDS** and **MOUTHS**.

LESSON — Grappling with Grumbling: Warnings From James 3:1-12

I. WARNING #1 — THE TONGUE IS **FAULTY.** vs. 1-2

The Warning to Teachers v. 1

“Let not many of you become teachers,”

The Warning to Everyone v. 2

“For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”

Application #1 — Pursue spiritual growth by **MASTERING** your **MOUTH**.

II. WARNING #2 — THE TONGUE IS **FORCEFUL**. vs. 3-4

The Illustrations about the Tongue

v. 3 — *“we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so they will obey us, ...”*

v. 4 — *“Look at the ships also, ... directed by a very small rudder”*

The Implications about the Tongue

Application #2 — Don’t minimize the **POWER** of your mouth.

III. WARNING #3 — THE TONGUE IS **FIERY**. vs. 5-6

The Devastation of the Tongue v. 5

“See also the tongue is a small part of the body, ... See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!”

The Devilishness of the Tongue v. 6

“And the tongue is a fire, and is set on fire by hell.”

Application #3 — Consider the effect of your **DESTRUCTIVE** wildfire words.

IV. WARNING #4 — THE TONGUE IS **FEISTY**. vs. 7-8

The Taming of Beasts v. 7

“For every species of beasts, ... is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.”

The Untameableness of the Tongue v. 8

“But no one can tame the tongue; ...”

Application #4 — Admit your **INABILITY** to change your tongue on your own.

V. WARNING #5 — THE TONGUE IS **FORKED**. vs. 9-12

The Hypocrisy vs. 9-10

The Heart vs. 11-12

Application #5 — Desire God to change the **SOURCE** of your words.