



Faith Alive!

Watch Your Mouth...

James 3:1-2



Watch Your Mouth - James 3:1-2

Exposition

The Command (vs. 1a): Not so many teachers...

- **The text:**

*“Stop having so many of you become teachers” or
“Not so many of you in the church should be teachers of
God’s Word”*

- **Teachers – highly visible, highly valued**

- Jesus – ‘rabbi’ = master teacher. See Matt 7:28,29
- Disciples – sent out to teach. See Luke 9:1-2; Matt 28:18-20
- Early church leaders – Acts 4:13; 13:1
- Spiritual gift lists – e.g. Eph 4:11
- Elder qualification – see I Tim 3:2; II Tim 5:17

Watch Your Mouth - James 3:1-2

Exposition

The Command (vs. 1a): Not so many teachers...

Warning #1 (vs. 1b): Be aware of greater judgment...

- **Not all 'good teachers' are good teachers!**
 - Teachers of heresy – see Acts 15; Gal 1
 - Incompetent teachers – I Tim 1:7
 - Sinfully motivated teachers – Tit 1:11; II Pet 2:1
- **Evaluation awaits**
 - Heb 13:17 'must give an account'
 - I Cor 3:13-17 'the quality of each man's work will be tested'
 - II Cor 5:10 'the judgment seat of Christ'

Watch Your Mouth - James 3:1-2

Exposition

The Command (vs. 1a): Not so many teachers...

Warning #1 (vs. 1b): Be aware of greater judgment...

Warning #2 (vs. 2): Beware of sins of the tongue...

- **James himself included**
- **Not sinless perfection, but spiritual maturity**
 - ‘perfect’ = mature, i.e. the growth process is nearly complete

Watch Your Mouth - James 3:1-2

Application

Watch Your Mouth!

“Oh, be careful little mouth what you say...”