

THE NEED FOR A BRIDLE

JAMES 1:23

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

JAMES 1:24

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

JAMES 1:25

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

JAMES 1:26

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26 If any man among you seem to be ***RELIGIOUS**, and ***BRIDLETH** not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

RELIGIOUS: threskos {thrace'-kos}
Fearing or worshipping God; religious

The word religious (threskos) means "given to religious observances." In this context it refers to attendance at worship services and to other observances of religion, such as prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

BRIDLETH: chalinagogo {khal-in-ag-ogue-eh'-o}
to lead by a bridle, to guide; to bridle, hold in check, restrain

PSALM 39:1

1 ¶ To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

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JAMES 3:5

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

JAMES 3:6

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

JAMES 3:7

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

JAMES 3:8

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

JAMES 3:9

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

JAMES 3:10

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

PROVERBS 18:21

21 ¶ Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

JAMES 3:11

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

PROVERBS 10:11

11 ¶ The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

PROVERBS 13:14

14 ¶ The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

PROVERBS 18:4

4 ¶ The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

JAMES 3:12

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

JAMES 4:17

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

JAMES 1:27

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To ***VISIT** the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to ***KEEP** himself unspotted from the world.

VISIT: episkeptomai {ep-ee-skep'-tom-ahee}
to look upon or after, to inspect, examine with the eyes, to look upon in order to help or to benefit,

KEEP: tereo {tay-reh'-o}

Reserve, watch, to attend to carefully, to guard, metaph. to keep,
one in the state in which he is