

# AN UNRULY MEMBER IN THE BODY

Proverbs 6:16-19 with James 3:1-12

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**INTRODUCTION:** "Stick out your tongue". These were the words of my mother every time I would complain of being sick...usually it was because I was sick of school and I was looking for a way out. Somehow my mother could tell the health of my whole body by looking at my tongue.

The Church of Jesus Christ - which includes IBC - is the Body of Jesus Christ. Every word spoken against another member of the body inflicts wounds into His Body. To wound a fellow believer with your tongue, is to inflict a wound into the Body of Christ. "THE WORDS OF A TALEBEARER ARE AS WOUNDS, AND THEY GO DOWN INTO THE INNERMOST PARTS OF THE BELLY." (Proverbs 18:8).

If you want to know if you are a healthy Christian and moving along towards spiritual maturity I will give you the advice of my mother - "Stick out your tongue" for your tongue reveals where you are in your Christian walk as James 3:1-12 indicates. As an introduction I would like to look at Proverbs 6:16-19 which we have considered five times in our Sunday evening services.

## THE SEVEN \_\_\_\_\_ SINS

These six *things* the LORD hates, yes, **seven are an abomination to Him:** <sup>17</sup> A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> a false witness *who* speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. (Proverbs 6:16-19)

### THREE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF SIN:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ SINS:

A PROUD LOOK <sup>1</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

A HEART THAT DEVISES WICKED PLANS <sup>4</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

2. SINS OF THE \_\_\_\_\_

A LYING TONGUE <sup>2</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

FEET THAT ARE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO EVIL <sup>5</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

A FALSE WITNESS WHO SPEAKS LIES <sup>6</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

ONE WHO SOWS DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN <sup>7</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ SINS

HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD <sup>3</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_

**A. THE TONGUE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ - JAMES 3:1-2**

**B. THE TONGUE IS \_\_\_\_\_ - JAMES 3:3-4**

1. A SMALL BIT THAT \_\_\_\_\_ A HORSE

2. A SMALL RUDDER THAT \_\_\_\_\_ A SHIP

3. A SMALL FIRE THAT \_\_\_\_\_ AN INFERNO

**C. THE TONGUE IS \_\_\_\_\_ - JAMES 3:5-6**

1. IT CAN DO A GREAT DEAL OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE BODY

2. IT CAN DO A GREAT DEAL OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE BODY

**D. THE TONGUE IS \_\_\_\_\_ - JAMES 3:7-8**

**E. THE TONGUE IS \_\_\_\_\_ - JAMES 3:5-6**

**CONCLUSION:**