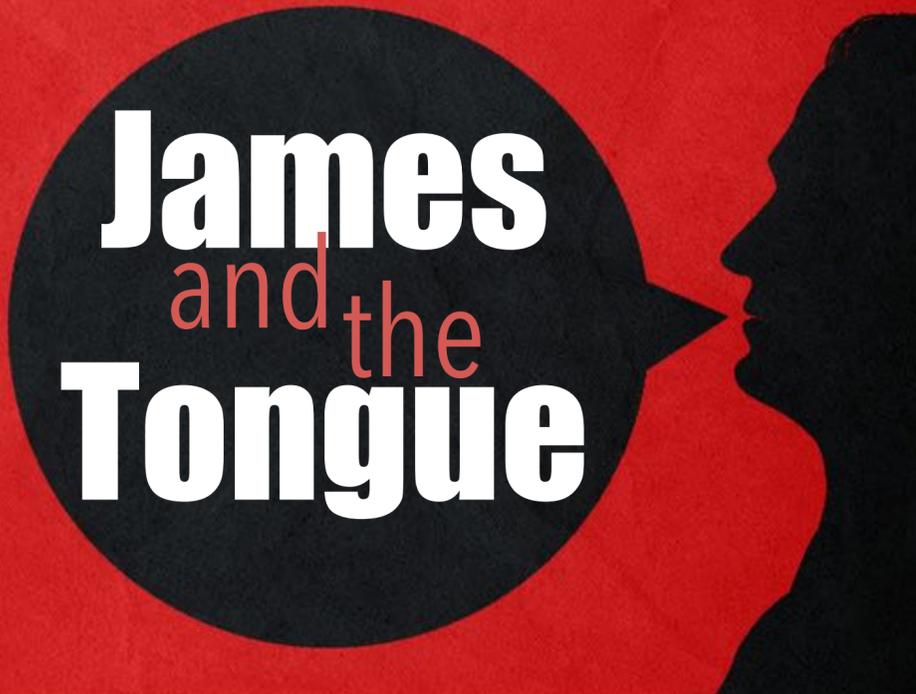




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1. INCLUDE GOD IN YOUR PLANS (4:13-16)



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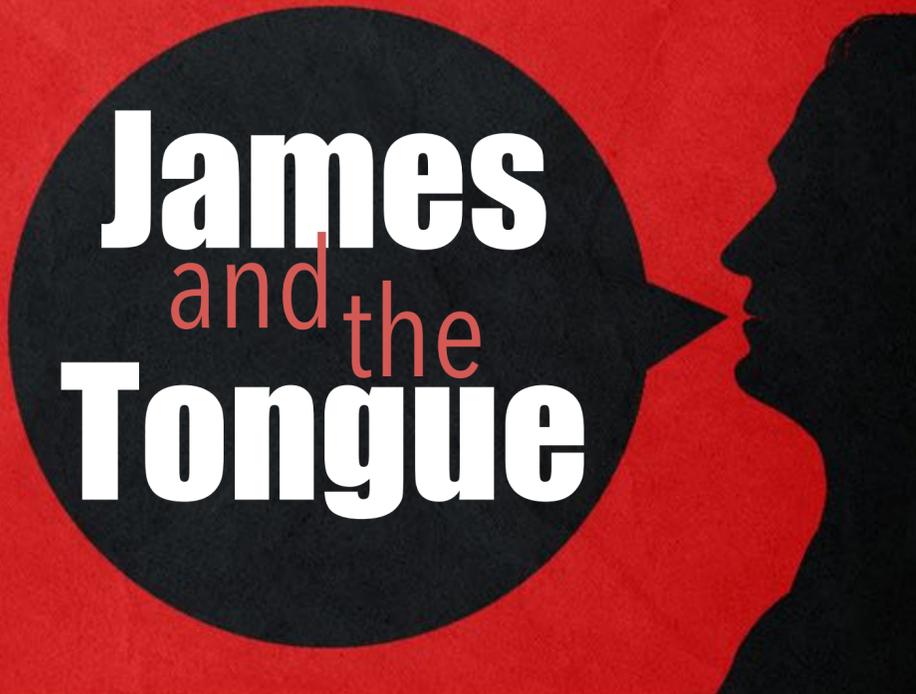
Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.

You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills,

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They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

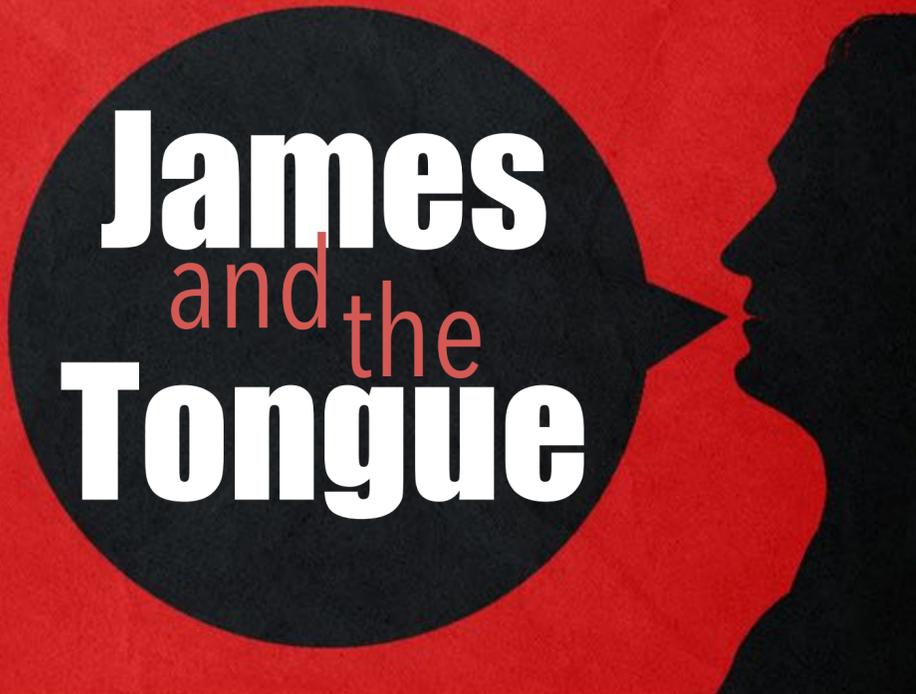
Acts 18:19-21 NASB

But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power.

1 Corinthians 4:19 NASB

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- When making future plans, say "If the Lord wills" or some such phrase.
- Not a legalistic rule.
- The point is not to trust in your own plans.



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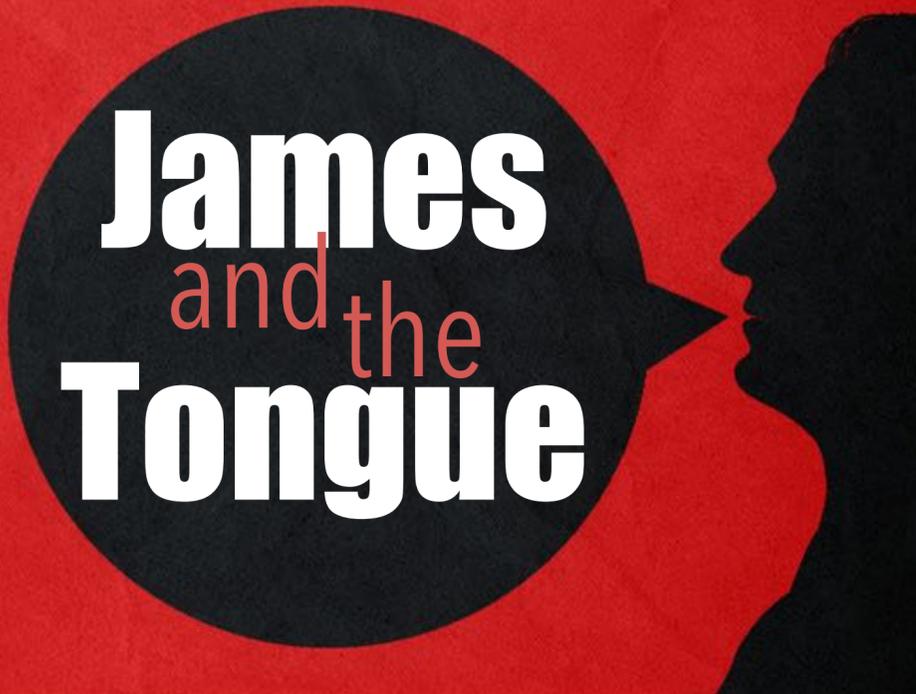
*Do not boast about tomorrow,
For you do not know what a day may bring
forth.*

Proverbs 27:1 NASB

“Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.”””

Luke 12:18-19 NASB

2. BACK UP YOUR WORDS WITH ACTION (2:15-16)



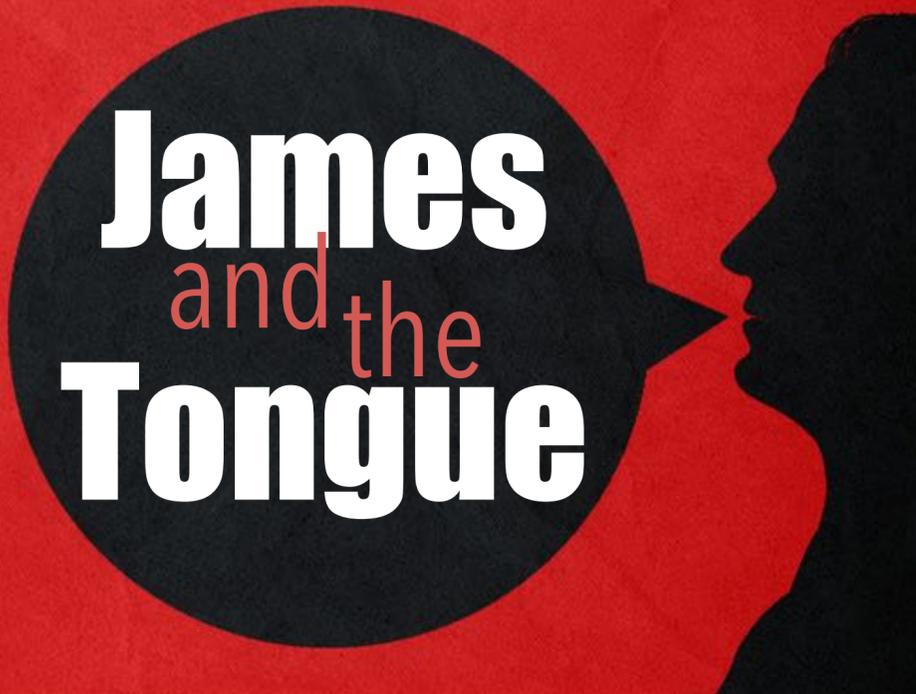
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If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

James 2:15-16 NASB

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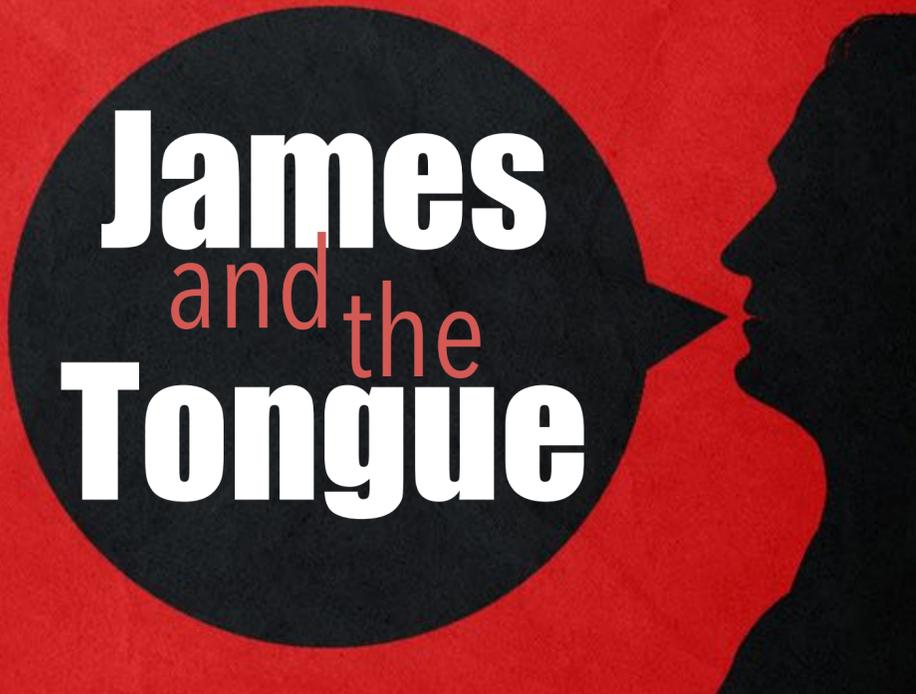
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But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:17-18 NASB

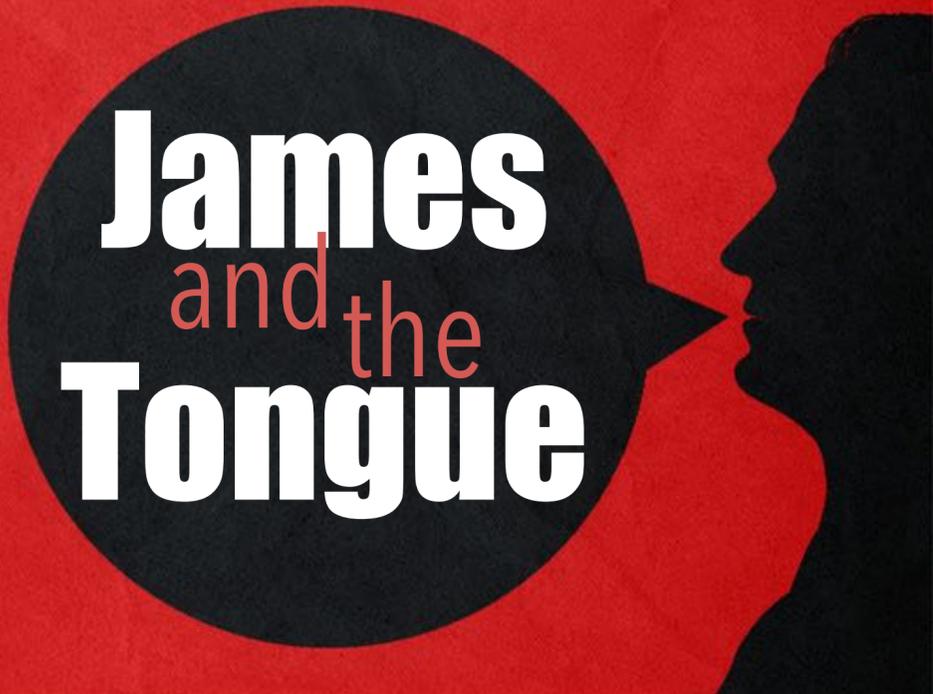
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- Context: faith without works is dead.
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- The point isn't about controlling our tongue but taking action.



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3. SPEAK TRUTH (5:12)



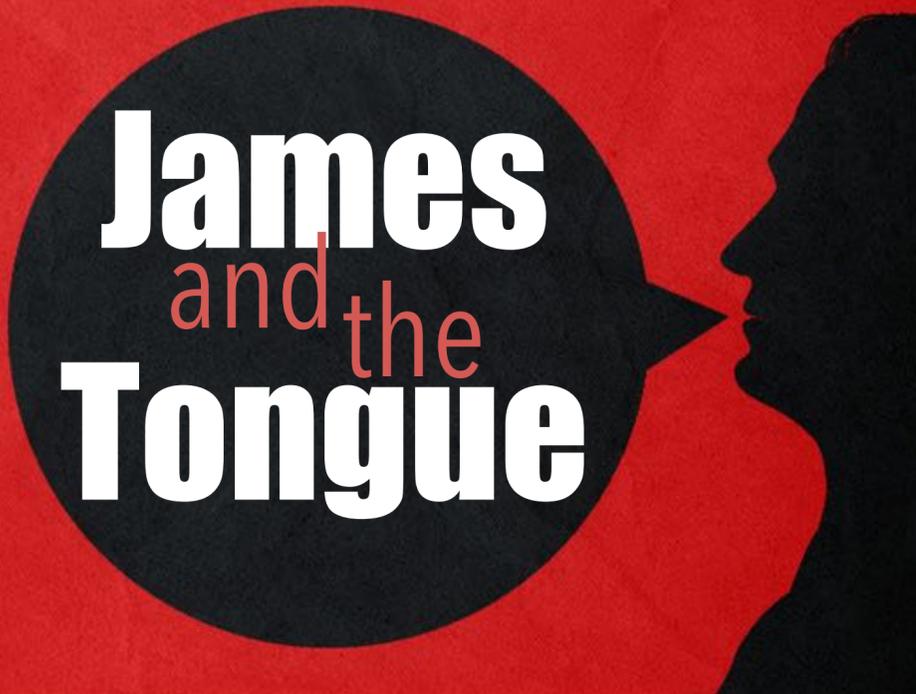
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*But above all, my brethren, do not swear,
either by heaven or by earth or with any
other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and
your no, no, so that you may not fall under
judgment.*

James 5:12 NASB

3. SPEAK TRUTH (5:12)

- "But above all": utmost importance.
- "Do not swear": do not promise with an oath.



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“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you make an oath by your

*“Woe to you, blind guides, who say,
‘Whoever swears by the temple, that is
nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of
the temple is obligated.’ You fools and blind
men! Which is more important, the gold or
the temple that sanctified the gold? And,
‘Whoever swears by the altar, that is
nothing, but whoever swears by the offering*



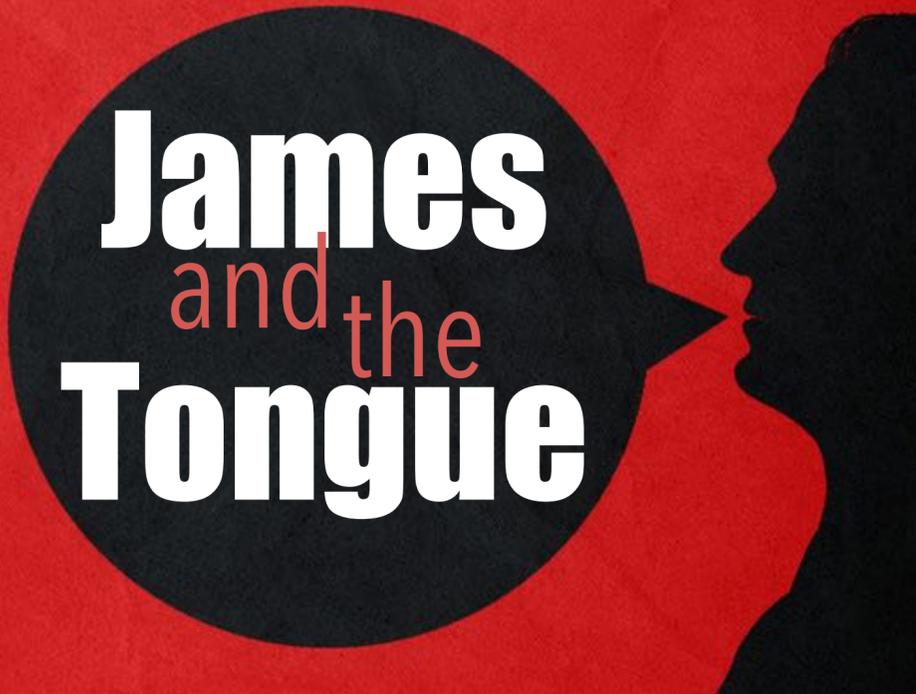
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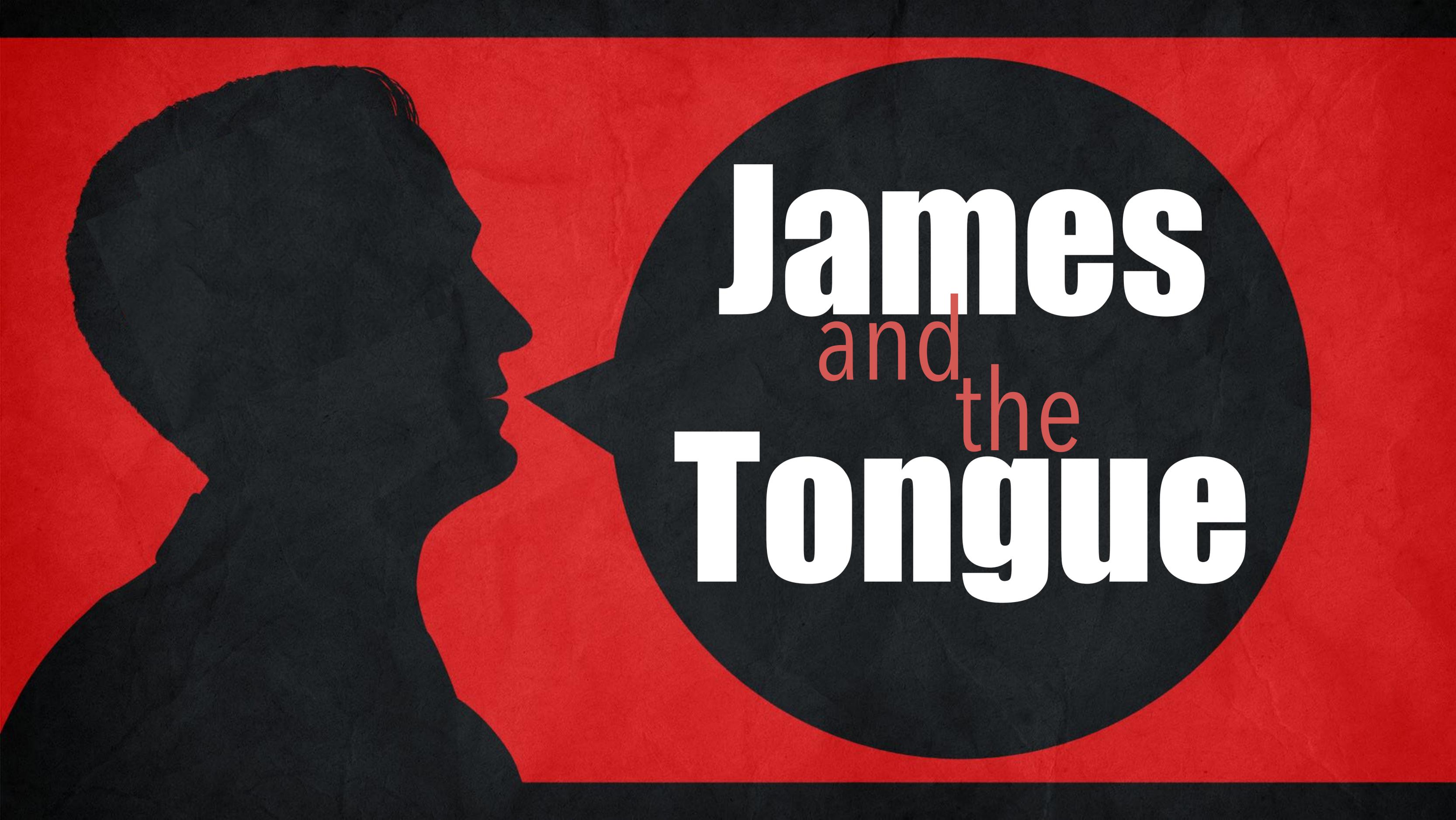
- "But above all": utmost importance.
- "Do not swear": do not promise with an oath.
- Do not say "I swear/promise" to add validity.
- Let your yes be yes and your no, no.



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*In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the Lord;
He swears to his own hurt and does not
change.*

Psalm 15:4 NASB

A black silhouette of a man's head and shoulders in profile, facing right. A speech bubble tail extends from his mouth towards the right, pointing to a large black circle. The background is a solid red color. The text 'James and the Tongue' is centered within the black circle. 'James' and 'Tongue' are in white, while 'and the' is in a reddish-orange color.

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