

## ***“Three Bible Fires”***

### **1. The Fire Of The Tongue— Proverbs 16:27; James 3:5-6.**

- Is James Saying We Can Never Control The Tongue? No!
- **James 3:1-4-** The Tongue Simply Says What You Direct It: Good or Bad!
  - **Proverbs 18:21.**
  - James Is Actually Saying, *“You Must Control It To Be Mature!”*
  - How? By Controlling And Filtering What Goes Into Our Mind (Heart).
  - **Luke 6:45.** *“Garbage In, Garbage Out.”* **Proverbs 6:12-14; 26:20-21.**
  - Don't Be Rash With Our Words- **Proverbs 10:19; 29:11.**

### **2. The Fire Of Passionate Love- 1 Corinthians 7:8-9.**

- **1 Corinthians 7:1-5.** God Has Placed This Passion Only In Marriage!
- Physical Desire Is Normal In The Right Context Of Marriage **Hebrews 13:4.**
- The Difference Between Fornication Or Adultery— And What Is Proper In Marriage?
  - **Proverbs 5:18-19** God Sanctions And Approves This In Marriage!
- That's Why Young/Older, Unmarried People Should Not Act Like They Are Married.
- That's Why Boundaries Must Be Set To Avoid This Before Marriage.
  - Avoiding Behaviors That Pour Gasoline On This Fire:
  - Dancing, Pornography, Petting, & Immodest Dress All Lead To A Fire Explosion!
  - Avoid The Influence Of Movies Or Television Shows Trying To Normalize This!
  - Don't Look To Lust After Someone You're Not Married To- **Matt. 5:28; Job 31:1.**
  - Don't Play Around With This Fire- **Proverbs 6:27-28.**
  - Abstinence Is Required To Avoid Fornication- **Song Of Solomon 2:7; 3:5; 8:4.**
  - There Are Certain Seasons Of Life— **Ecclesiastes 3:4-5.**
  - Don't Start This Fire Until Marriage! Be Patient, The Time Will Come!
- We Must Remember Who We Are As Christians- **2 Timothy 2:19-22.**

### **3. The Fire Of Enthusiasm— Jeremiah 20:8-9.**

- Jeremiah Couldn't Hold It Back Despite His Opposition- **20:1-7.**
- The Local Church At Laodicea Lacked It- **Revelation 3:14-16; 19.**
- Paul Urges Us To Have It- **Romans 12:11.** But Must Be Controlled/Regulated.
- **Romans 10:1-3.** Zeal Without Knowledge Can Lead To Unauthorized Practices.
  - Just Wanting To Be Zealous For God Without Knowing His Will.... **Luke 9:33.**
- Emotionalism Out Of Control Can Be Dangerous To True Spirituality.
  - Some Have Let Emotions/Feelings Override Every Decision— Proper Place of Emotions.
  - **John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 14:15** Both Spirit & Understanding Needed to Please God.