

Directed Teaching

James 3: 1 - 4

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James 1 – 3

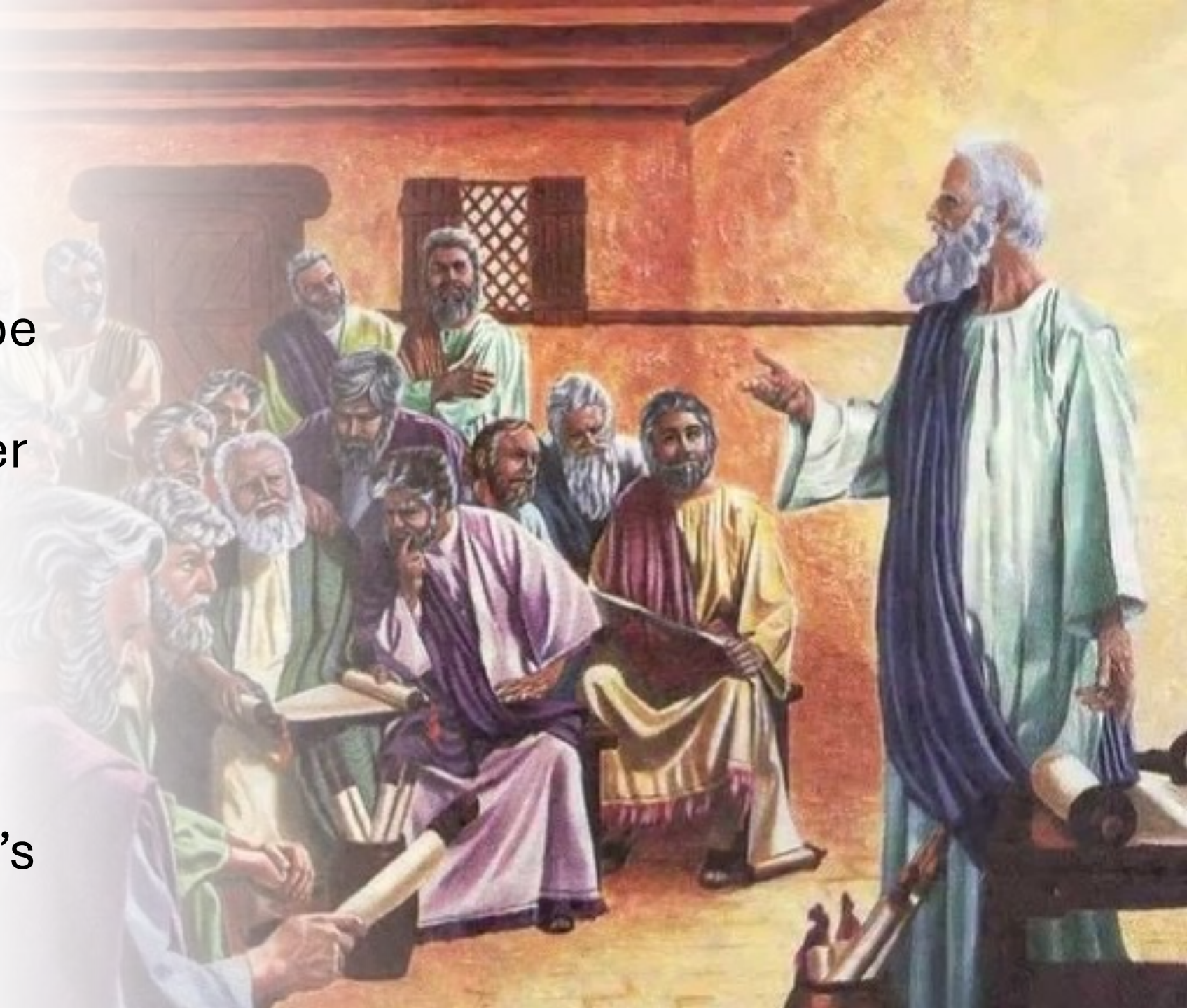
Teaching Direction

- 1: Patience in troubles
- 2: Practice the truth
- 3: Power over tongue

James 1: Power Over Tongue/Words

1: 19, But let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger

1: 26, If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, that man's religion is worthless





What Gives You Direction?

Signs/Maps
Syllabus
Job Description
Social Media
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Teachers

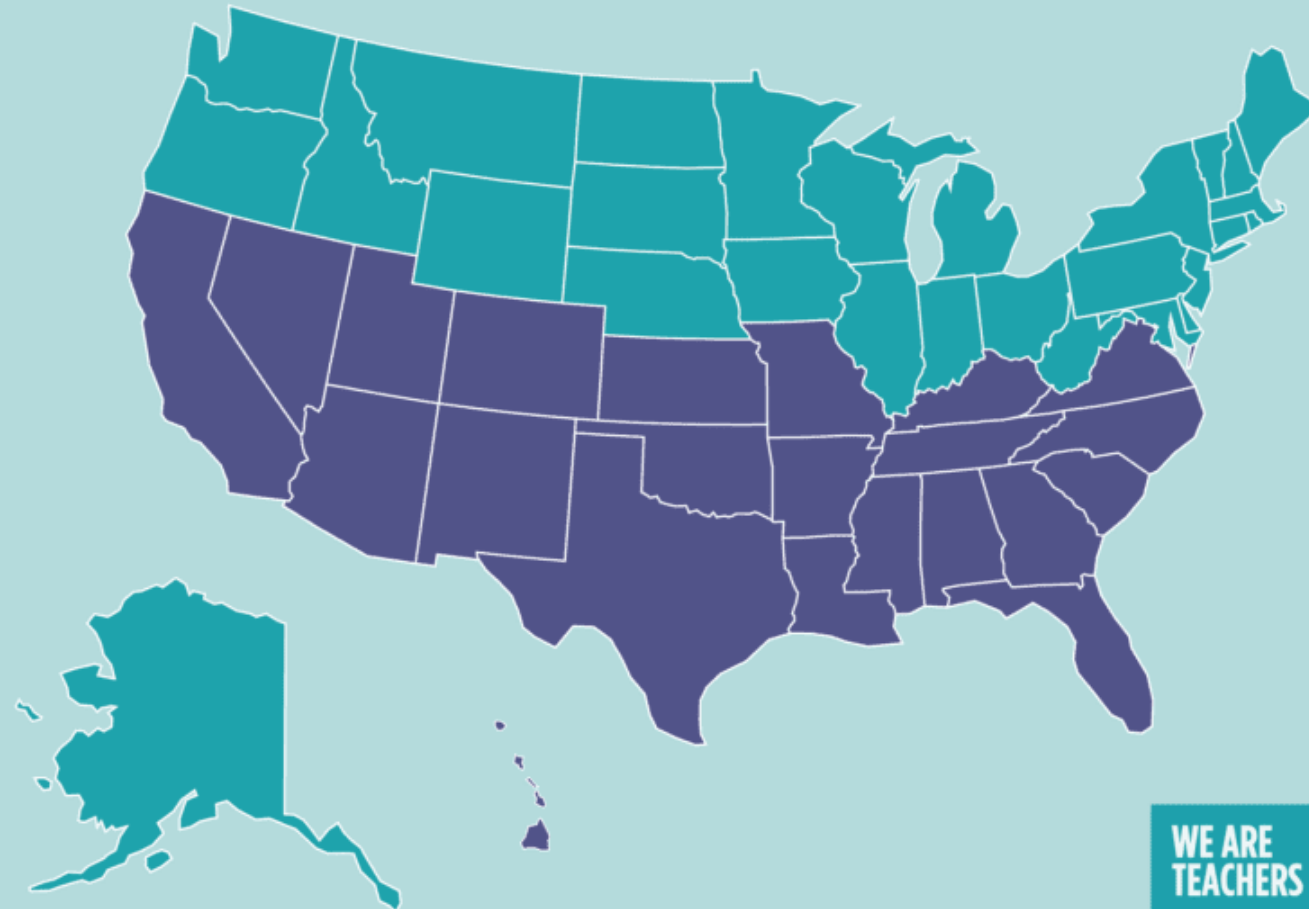
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4 million teachers
1.5 million professors
500,000 pastors

NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN THE U.S.

4,007,908

This is about 2.5% of the working population.



WE ARE TEACHERS

Direction / Teaching From God

Psalms 119:105, Your Word
is a lamp unto my feet.

Proverbs 3:6, He will make
your paths straight

Psalms 32:8, I will teach you
the way you should go.





All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and
training in righteousness,
so that the servant of God
may be thoroughly equipped
for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

God's Word Teaches Us

The Holy Spirit Teaches Us

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things and will
remind you of everything I have said to you
John 14:26



Pastors and Elders Teach Us

The elders **who rule well** are
to be considered worthy of
double honor, especially
**those who work hard at
preaching and teaching**
1 Timothy 5:17



James 3: 1

Teacher Warning

Not many of you should become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.



Church Must Have Teachers

1 Corinthians 12:28, And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers

Ephesians 4: 11, And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry

James: Not Many Should Teach?



Words can inspire and destroy

Words can heal and damage

Words can be impulsive,
reactionary, and uncontrolled

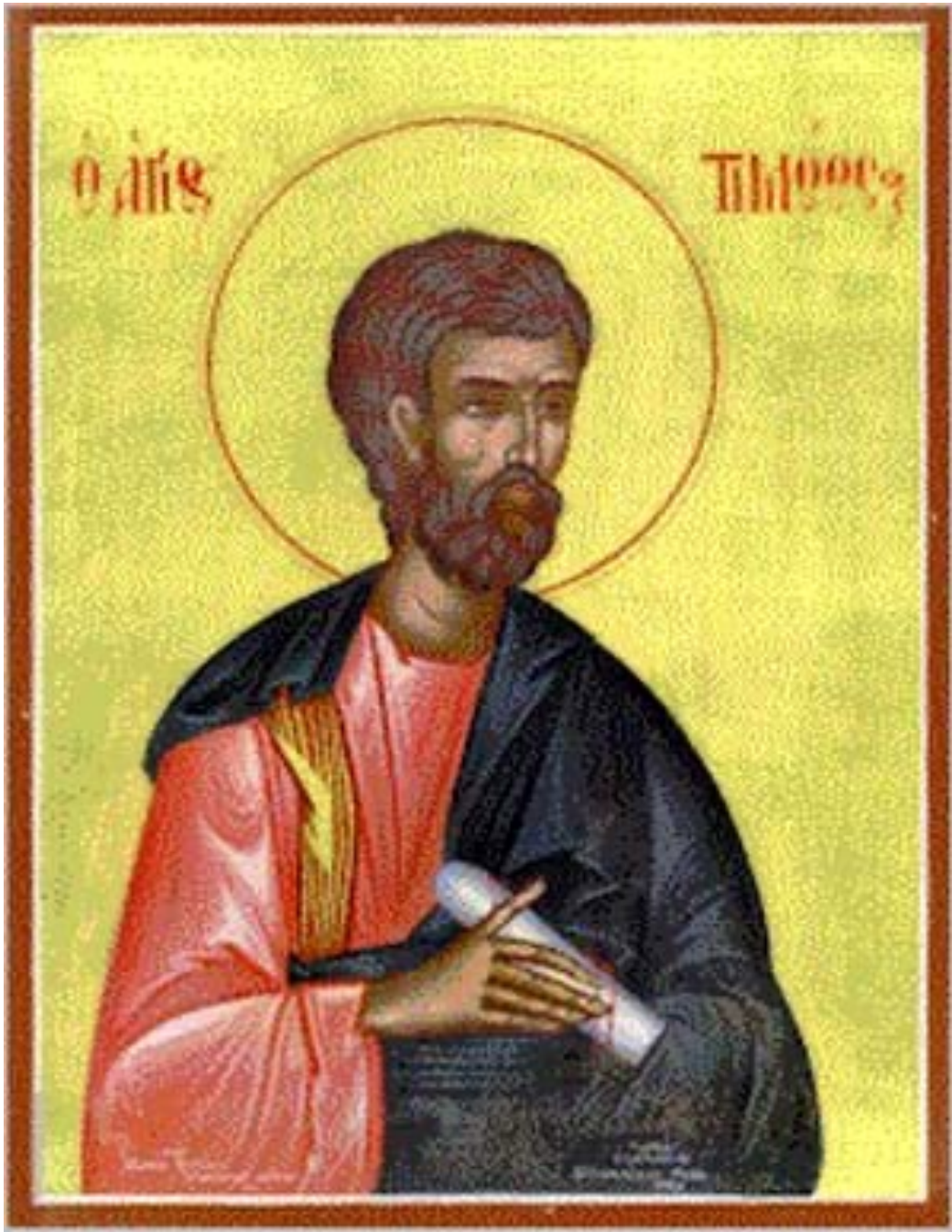
1st Peter 3: 12, For, whoever would
love life and see good days must
keep their tongue from evil and their
lips from deceitful speech.

Accountability of Tongue + Teaching

Ephesians 4: 29, Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen

Proverbs 15: 4, The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

Matthew 15:11, What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.



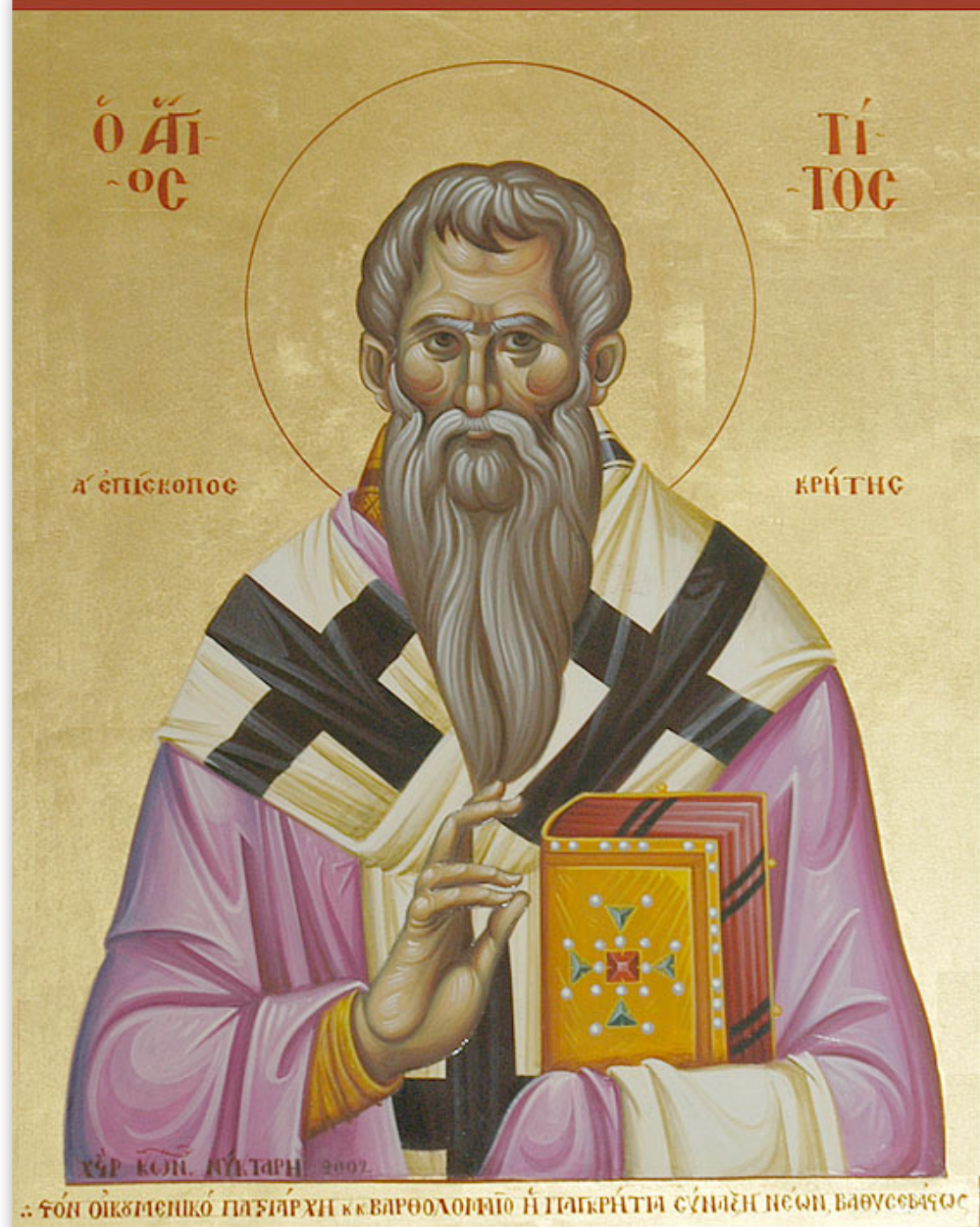
Teacher Warning in Timothy

1st Tim 6: 3 - 5, Teach and urge these things. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil, and constant friction among people.

Teacher Warning in Titus

Titus 1: 9,11, Elders must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also rebuke those who contradict it.

Empty talkers and deceivers must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.



Teacher Direction for Timothy / Titus



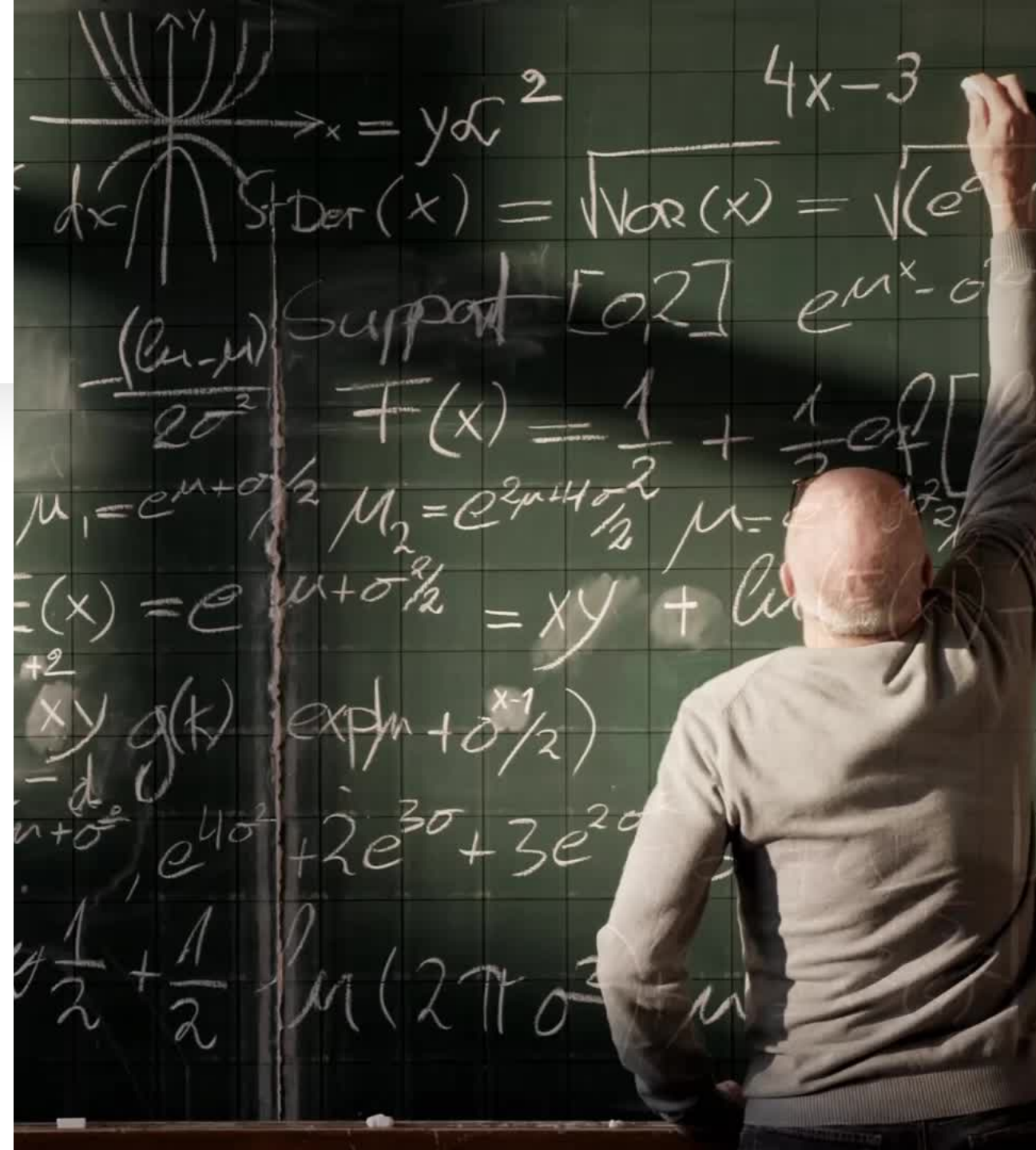
Titus 2: 7 – 8, In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that can't be condemned.

2nd Timothy 4: 2, Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

James 3: 2

Stumbling Teachers

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to also bridle his whole body.





Stumble in Greek

Ptaiomen: to trip, fall, implying moral failure

Easiest way to stumble as a teacher is with our words

Stumbling Habits with our Faith Words

False belief words about God

Negative faith words to self

Shame faith words toward others

Apathy faith words about church

Judgement faith words about the
community and the future



James 3: 2

Perfect Man

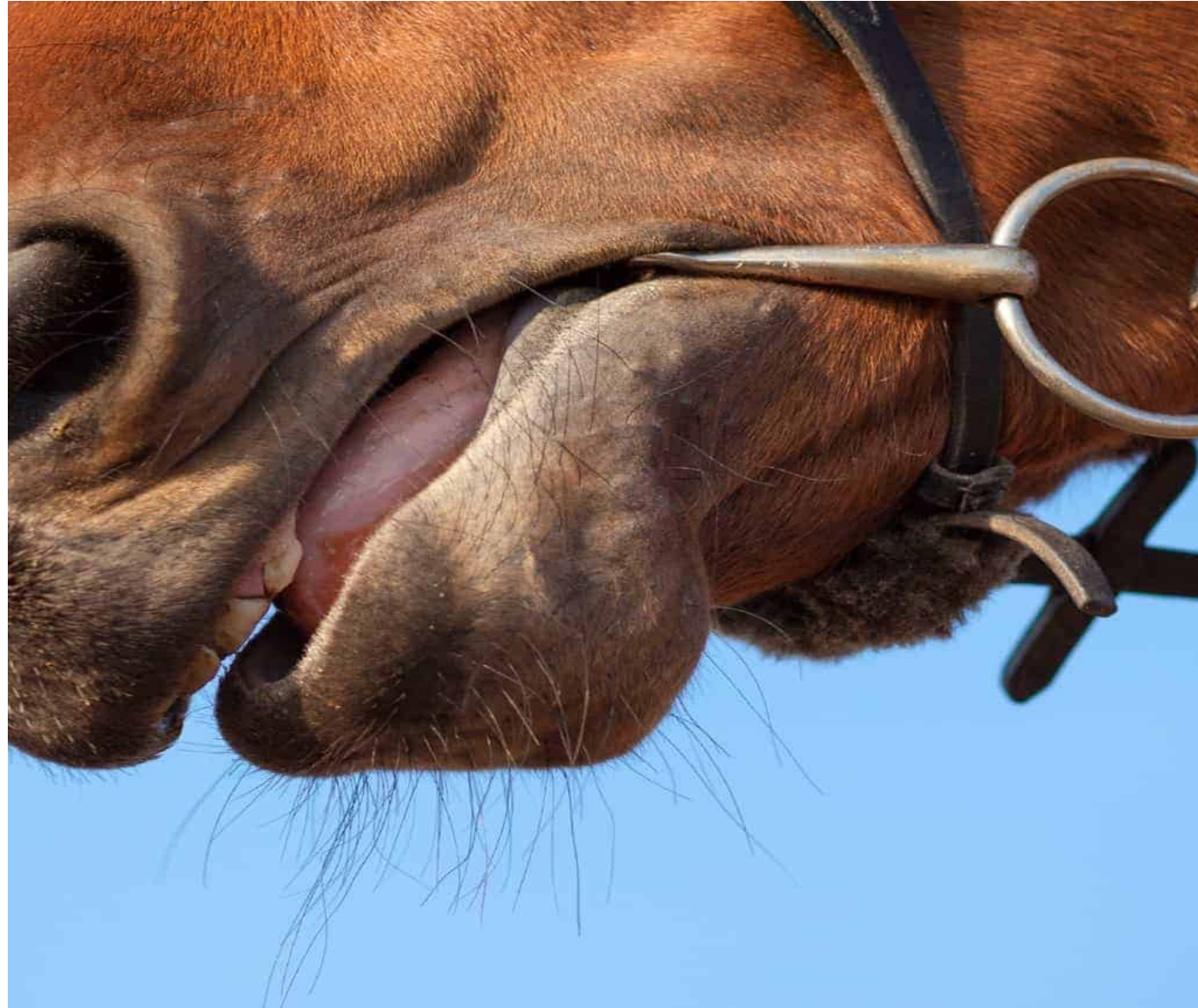
If anyone does not
stumble, he is a
perfect man, able to
bridle his tongue
and words

Perfect: complete, mature, disciplined,
and self-controlled person in Christ.

Titus 2: 1 -4, But as for you, teach what
accords with sound doctrine. Older men
are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-
controlled, sound in faith, love, and
steadfastness. Older women likewise are
to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers
or slaves to much wine. They are to teach
what is good, and to train the young
women how to love their husbands and
children...

Picture #1 – the Bit Directed Teacher

James 3: 3, Now if we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

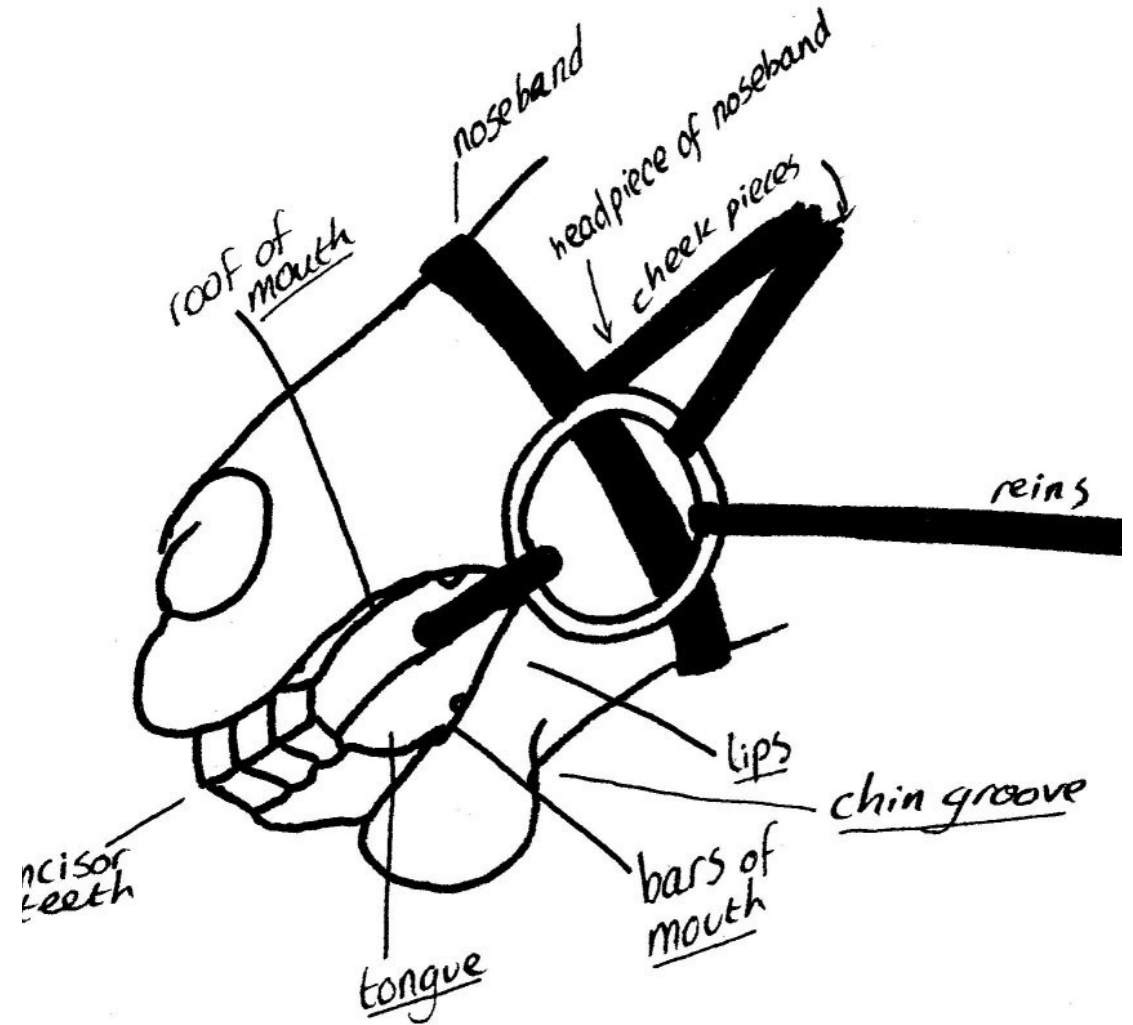


How a Bit Works

Placement: It sits between the horse's front and back teeth

Pressure: When reins pulled, bit creates pressure on the bars, tongue, and chin groove

Communication: The bit translates rein pressure into directional cues





“Bit” Directed Teachers

Placement: Hired / Appointed to teach God’s Word

Pressure: From God - to deliver His Word accurately

Communication: To effectively explain, interpret, and exemplify Christ and His Word

Picture #2 – the Rudder Directed Teacher

James 3: 4, Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

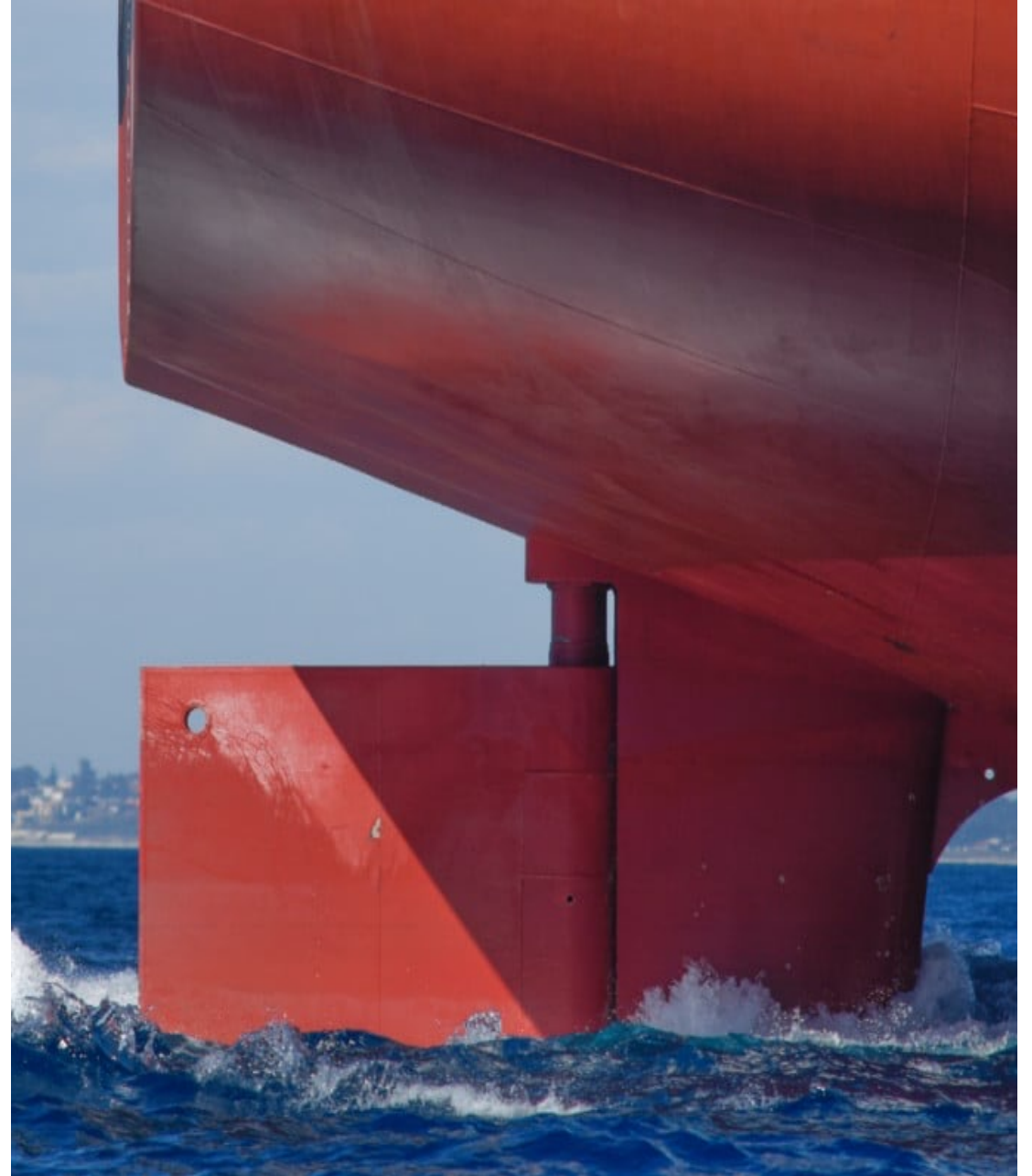


How a Rudder Works

Redirects the flow of the water

Force: turn of rudder of the
generates the pressure change

Directional: the boat pivots
around its center of gravity
following the rudder's movement





“Rudder” Directed Teachers

Redirects the people to God’s will, way, truth, and life

Force: brings pressurized truth to the people he shepherds

Directional change as the people follow the centrality of Christ’s teaching through him



James 3: 3 - 4 Emphasis

3: 3, we direct the tongue, **we** guide the whole body as well

3: 4, our submitted will to Christ directs **our** words



The bit overcomes the nature of the horse

A directed tongue overcomes our sin nature

The rudder overcomes the winds and the currents

A directed tongue overcomes people, pain, and problems

God Directed Tongue: Proverbs

10:7, Sin is not ended by multiplying words; the prudent hold their tongues.

15:4, The soothing tongue is a tree of life; a perverse tongue crushes the spirit

21: 23, Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity



God Directed Teaching: Peace/Righteousness

Isaiah 48: 17 - 18, I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh, that you paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would be like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

