LESSONS THIS QUARTER
1) 02 Sept .................. Galatians 1:1-24 ................. True Gospel
2) 09 Sept .................. Galatians 2:1-21 ................. True Grace
3) 16 Sept .................. Galatians 3:1-22 ................. True Life
4) 23 Sept .................. Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-7 ........ True Heirs
5) 30 Sept .................. Galatians 4:8-31 ................. True Freedom
6) 07 Oct .................. Galatians 5:1-26 ................. True Fruit
7) 14 Oct .................. Galatians 6:1-18 ................. True Compassion
8) 21 Oct .................. James 1:1-18 ................. With Perseverance
9) 28 Oct .................. James 1:19-27 ................. With Obedience
10) 04 Nov ................. James 2:1-26 ................. With Works
11) 11 Nov ................. James 3:1-18 ................. With Control
12) 18 Nov ................. James 4:1-17 ................. With Submission
13) 25 Nov ................. James 5:1-20 ................. With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION
James chapter 3 deals with the following issues:
1. Don’t be too quick to jump into teaching/leadership roles
2. Take control of our tongue to encourage, not to disparage
3. Seek godly wisdom to successfully sail through life’s storms

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Passage</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>James 3:1</td>
<td>Let Not Many of You Be Teachers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• It makes sense for most of us to be the arms &amp; legs, hands &amp; feet of Jesus who are led by a fewer no. of astute, qualified, faithful, experienced, and god-fearing servant/teachers (pastors/elders) that lead by example</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• God’s Church should constantly be growing, and therefore, always in need of more qualified teachers, teachers who take their teaching seriously, realizing they are open to higher scrutiny and accountability</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Why such importance to this ministry of teaching?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Realize this. Teachers/Elders who teach &amp; lead well are open to receive the “Crown of Glory”.... 1Pet 5:2-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Recall Moses’ hierarchical structure as recommended by his father-in-law, Jethro, to manage the masses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Ex 18:21 “...place [God-fearing men] over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens’</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS
• Biblical teaching is a difficult job because the main tool of the ministry is the hardest part of the body to control -> the Tongue
• Those who control their tongue are able to control their whole body
• James shows how Christian teachers measure the importance of their words, and how believers realize the influence of their words.
• May we learn quickly that our words should be few (Pr 10:19, Ecc 5:2) and well thought out before uttering them (Jms 1:19).

NEXT WEEK: James 4. There is only one thing worse than being a miserable sinner – It is being a miserable saint. More proverbial statements from dealing with quarrels, how to resist the Devil, proper humility, judging others, and to be happy, we must first be remorseful.