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***Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect,
able to keep their whole body in check.***

***When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make
them obey us, we can turn the whole animal***

Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

***All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles
and sea creatures are being tamed
and have been tamed by mankind, but
no human being can tame the tongue.***

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JAMES' FOCUS IS ON THE
COMPARISON OF OUR TONGUE
UNDER CONTROL
VS
OUT OF CONTROL

BRAGGING

OUT OF CONTROL: Building yourself up, drawing attention to yourself

BRAGGING

IN CONTROL: Building others up

GOSSIP

OUT OF CONTROL: Tearing others down, building distrust

GOSSIP

IN CONTROL: Pushing back and defending others

*Our speech can reveal and shape our
outlook on life.*

*YOU HAVE A CHOICE IN
THE WAY YOU COME ACROSS*