

25. If you join the criticism, then you violate the Royal Law. The believer is able to appropriate the Royal Law by the development of integrity through the process of assembling a high inventory of doctrine in the soul.
26. These doctrines serve as working objects for the application of faith to the circumstance. To achieve this objective, the body's lust patterns must be suppressed by residence inside the divine power system.
27. This is accommodated by the conscience which serves as an internal police department, instructing the volition to choose divine viewpoint rather than temptations from Cosmic 1 or Cosmic 2.
28. It is the conscience that counsels the believer to bridle the whole body by recall of Bible doctrine and the volitional decision to suppress the lust patterns of the sin nature.
29. With these things in mind, here is the expanded translation of:

James 3:2 For we all fall into sin in many ways. If anyone does not sin in what he says, he is a mature believer, able to restrain his tongue by bridling his entire body with his volition. (EXT)

1. The volition of the believer has the power to make a good decision from the inventory of doctrines in his *kardía*. This is a problem-solving device that empowers the believer to regulate his entire body and most importantly his tongue.
2. This is made possible by his volition complying with the conscience to apply doctrine in his soul as the working object of his faith.
3. The sin nature may tempt him to say something verbally, but his conscience restrains and overrides that temptation thereby suppressing the lust patterns of the sin nature.
4. By suppressing the desires of the sin nature, the believer has bridled his entire body with the result that his tongue is not used to utter sinful comments.
5. The soul therefore avoids uttering a sinful remark and thereby maintains the filling of the Holy Spirit.
6. These principles are used in the following six verses to illustrate the principles of verse 2.
7. They will give examples of how the Royal Law functions in such a way that he is able to "love his neighbor as himself."



James 3:3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they obey us, we direct their entire body as well. (NASB)

1. Two of the most important principles in learning how to apply the Word of God are humility, willingness to accept the authority of the Word of God, and secondly, the willingness to then apply what is retained in the soul.
2. In opposition to this is the soul's poor inventory of ideas and opinions by a believer who has not learned biblical principles beyond a few of the basics.
3. It is difficult for most to abandon previously held beliefs in favor of those of a quite different nature. Indoctrination from the devil's world is all a person acquires as an unbeliever and these are the resources by which he develops his moral compass.
4. When a person is saved, he has the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit available to him to learn the infinite thoughts and directives of the Word of God.
5. Far too often, the sermons from church pulpits are considered philosophical at best and the pastor's opinions at worse. When what is taught is not accepted as a direct proclamation from God, the power of divine thought is ignored while human viewpoint remains the facilitated standard.
6. The believer never advances in his spiritual life until he submits to this biblical imperative: The Bible is God's resource for one's conscience to consult for guidance in making good decisions from a position of strength.
7. Yet, the human soul contains free will. Until that free will—personal volition—is tamed to submit to God's will, that person cannot advance in the plan of God.
8. In essence, he is a spiritual rebel. He is saved, a member of the royal family of God, and will go to heaven when he dies. But he will have no meaningful impact in his spiritual life. He will become what James describes in *James: Chapter One* as “a hearer of the word and not a doer” (James 1:23).
9. This failure to respect and submit to the authority of the Word of God, learn its principles, submit to its imperative moods, and apply them to his life and circumstances results in James's summation in James 2:26b, “faith without works is dead.”
10. The “works” James mentions refer to the inventory of biblical guidelines retained in the stream of consciousness of the soul. It is from this inventory that the believer's conscience must consult in order to determine how he may biblically apply truth to the situations he confronts.



11. A believer's ability to make good decisions is limited by the amount of divine thought retained in the soul. Volition is free. It is influenced by a lifetime of experiences, incoming ideas from various sources, and constantly bombarded by the sin nature's agent provocateurs.
12. The volition must be trained to do battle with the body in order to consistently execute the Christian way of life. If we are to become good soldiers for Christ, volition must be trained to behave.
13. We are condemned at physical birth. We are physically alive, but spiritually dead. We are infected in every cell by the sin nature. Our free will is completely self-centered. Our souls are vacuous of divine thought. Our environment is the battlefield of the devil's world where the angelic conflict rages.
14. The soul is the place where information can be acquired, retained, and ultimately applied. It is the divinely prepared receptacle for absolute truth, but that truth must first be approved for retention and application.
15. People speak a lot about love. But for love to have meaning and purpose, it must be a resource residing in the soul instead of an emotion influenced by human viewpoint.
16. To love others, one must first learn how God loves us. His love is not emotional. It is the product of three composites: righteousness (absolute truth), justice (defender of that truth), and omniscience (certification that all the facts are in) and administered under the policy of grace.
17. God honors His Word whose content is the absolute truth of divine righteousness. God is fair which is administered by divine justice. God's truth never deviates. Justice honors God's truth, approving compliance while disciplining deviations from it.
18. When the believer acquires a significant inventory of God's righteous standards, it empowers his volition to make good choices from that position of strength.
19. When inevitably, the believer fails to apply the truth but opts for human viewpoint, divine justice disciplines the believer, challenging him to adjust his decision-making process.
20. It is from an advanced collection of divine truth that the believer is gradually but ultimately enabled to become a good soldier for Christ.
21. His volition has been trained to resist the temptations of the body while giving authority to the soul as his resource for making good decisions.