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**I like being just as surprised
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- Is a small part ... yet boasts great things
- Is a fire: the very world of iniquity
- Defiles the entire body
- Sets on fire the course of life
- Is set on fire by hell (“ghenna”)
- Is untameable
- Is a restless evil
- Is Full of deadly poison



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Does our speech reflect our
Christian maturity?





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