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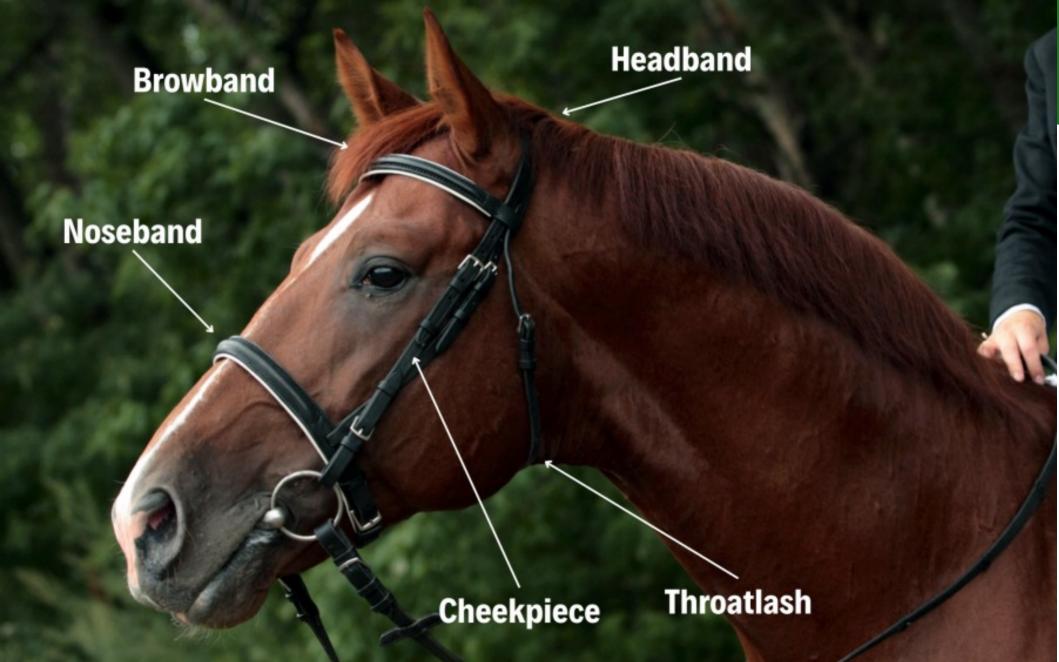
1:22 But become doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

<u>James – III. The Tongue (3:1-12)</u>

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

Psalm 32:9; Isaiah 37:29





⁴ Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot wills.



⁵ So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

Behold how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

Matthew 15:18; 12:34–36 Proverbs 28:21; 15:1

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, the very world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our existence, and is set on fire by hell.

Psalm 57:4; Proverbs 16:27; 26:20–21 Matthew 15:18-20

John 8:44