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JAMES

3:1-12

Read James 3:1-4.

1. What unique responsibility does a teacher bear? In what ways will teachers be judged more strictly?
2. Why is it so difficult for us at times to say the right thing instead of the wrong thing?
3. Why isn't the tongue problem solved when people become Christians? In what ways do you struggle with the tension between "the old man" and "the new man?"
4. James uses some practical examples to explain why controlling our tongues is a key to maturity. He also compares the tongue to a horse's bit and a ship's rudder. What do these images have in common?

Read James 3:5-8

5. How can a person be hurt by the words of others?
6. What practical advice would you give someone who wanted to control his or her tongue better?

Read James 3:9-10

7. What are the ways we sin with our speech?
8. What would you say to someone who professed faith in Christ but was either unwilling or seemingly unable to control his or her tongue?
9. What kind of damage does an uncontrolled tongue do to a family? To a marriage? To children? To a church?

Read James 3:11-12

10. What illustrations from nature did James use to condemn cursing?
11. What can a spring or a fruit tree teach us about speech?
12. What weaknesses in our lives does our speech often expose?
13. How can we submit our tongues to the control of God's Holy Spirit? What would be the result?

Here are Some Great Scriptures to Discuss and Bring to Memory

1. Ps. 34:12-13
2. Prov. 13:3 NLT
3. Titus 3:1-2
4. James 1:26
5. 1 Peter 3:10

