

“The Tongue (Pt. 2): Description”
(#11 in the “Where The Rubber Meets The Road” series)

James 3:1-6

- I. The tongue is _____ (James 3:7-8)
- a. The _____ (vs. 7)
- i. All creatures have been placed under _____ dominion/power. (Genesis 1:28 – “*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*”)
- b. The _____ (vs. 8)
- i. Man does *not* have the ability to tame the _____!
(Psalm 52:2-4 – “² *Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. ³ Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. ⁴ Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.*”)
(Psalm 140:3 – “*They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.*”)
- ii. The tongue *can* be tamed, but only through the power of the _____.
- II. The tongue is _____ (James 3:9-10)
- a. The _____ (vs. 9)
- i. The tongue often has a “*Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*” thing going on. One minute it’s praising/glorifying/worshipping God, but the next minute it is _____ others.
- ii. James reminds us that man has been made in the _____ of God Himself.

(Jude 9 – “*Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*”)

- b. The _____ (vs. 10)
- i. We should treat everyone as if they have value- because they do have value in _____ eyes!

- III. The tongue is _____ (James 3:11-12)
- a. The question _____ (vs. 11)
- b. The question _____ (vs. 12)
- i. The laws of nature dictate that “_____ produces _____”. Nature reproduces after its own kind.
- ii. If the same tongue produces corrupt speech *and* good speech, then the good speech is rendered empty/meaningless by the corrupt speech- it can’t truly be believed. Corrupt speech is evidence/indication of a _____ heart. (Luke 6:45 – “*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*”)
- iii. Please understand something: Yes, we will make mistakes with our tongues- none of us are perfect. However, what James is warning against here is _____ using corrupt speech.

(Matthew 12:36-37 – “³⁶ *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*”)