

NO ONE can TAME the TONGUE? ~ James 3:3-12

INTRODUCTION

Once the words are SAID they can not be UN-SAID they may be Forgiven but some words are NEVER forgotten. RS

The POWER and IMPACT of the Tongue ~ James 3:3-6

[3] When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. [4] Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. [5] Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. [6] The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

Words of hate, prejudice, slander, jealousy, and envy seem to come from the very lake of fire where Satan will be punished. LABC

IMPLICATIONS

→ The Tongue is _____ but has a Huge

> Our _____ mean things - what we _____ matters

Matthew 15:18-19 (NLT) But the words you speak COME from the HEART - that's what defiles you. For from the HEART COME evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, LYING, and SLANDER.

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The DISTORTED Nature of the Tongue ~ James 3:7-12

[7] All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, [8] but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James does not say **NO ONE** can tame the tongue, but **NO MAN**: so that when it is tamed we confess that this is brought about by the **mercy, help**, and the **grace** of God. Augustine

[9] With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

[10] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

PRAISING our Lord and Father is the best activity of the tongue, whereas **CURSING** those made in His image is one of the worst, because it is an implied curse on God himself. NLT

[11] Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? [12] My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

IMPLICATIONS

→ Every human being is _____ in the _____ of God

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God CREATED man in HIS own IMAGE, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Galatians 4:4-5 (NET) ...God sent out His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to REDEEM those who were under the law, so that we may be ADOPTED as sons with full rights.

APPLICATION

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What SHOULD we DO when we Sin with OUR Words?

➤ Confess it to

1 John 1:9 If we CONFESS our sins, HE is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and PURIFY us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)

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Matthew 5:23-24 "So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, [24] leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be RECONCILED to that person... (NLT)

➤ Ask God to our

Psalms 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.(NIV)

Psalms 141:3 Take control of what I say, O LORD, and keep my lips sealed. (NLT)

➤ Ask God to our

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

TAKE AWAY ??

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not LET any UNWHOLESOME talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] And do not GRIEVE the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Get rid of ALL bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, FORGIVING each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

WORDS are POWERFUL before Speaking ask...

➤ Is it ?

➤ Is it ?

➤ Is it ?

➤ Does it ?

➤ Does it ?

➤ Does it God?

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May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day;
By Your love and Power controlling All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I Triumph Only through Your Power

May the Peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and Sorrowing