

▼ **Watch Your Tongue!**

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• **Read the Passage: James 3:1-12**

• **Exegetical Idea**

Don't try to teach others if you're not prepared to deal with your tongue, because it steers and corrupts your life, hurts others, and is hard to control.

• **Homiletical Idea:**

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▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Recognize the importance of what we say.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to transform our speech.
- Seek the help we need from our brothers and sisters.

▼ **Recognize the importance of what we say.**

▼ What does this mean?

- Teachers are judged more strictly because their words affect a greater number of people.
- Since your words affect the course of your life, controlling your words helps you to control your actions.
- We are called to be people who bless rather than people who curse.
- Words are important to God. He spoke the universe into existence and made us in his image. We are called to use words wisely. Matthew 15:1-20; Ephesians 4:25-32; 1Peter 4:7-11

▼ Examples

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▼ What difference does it make? So What?

- Our words affect our ability to enjoy knowing Jesus.
- Our words affect our ability to follow Jesus together as his family.
- Our words affect our ability to function together as Jesus' body.
- Our words affect our ability to work together to expand God's Kingdom and bring him glory. They also affect our credibility with outsiders.
- The longer you put off dealing with what comes out of your mouth, the harder it will be to change.

▼ **Allow the Holy Spirit to transform our speech.**

- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12
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▼ **Seek the help we need from our brothers and sisters.**

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▼ **Discussion Questions & Topics**

- Is there a recent time when your words hurt someone? Discuss.
- Is there a recent time when something you said led you down an unwise path? Discuss.
- What has God been saying to you as a result of this message? How can your brothers and sisters help you in this area?