

The Reality of the Tongue
Taming the Tongue Pt 1
James 3
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The Relevance of the Tongue:

It's the least controllable body part.

James 3:2 We all make many mistakes, but those who control their tongues can also control themselves in every other way.

It's a very small body part with very large impact.

James 3:3 We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth.

It does more than any other body part to chart your direction in life.

James 3:4 And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong.

The Risks of the Tongue

Its' impact is highly disproportionate.

James 3:5 So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do.

Its' impact spreads rapidly.

James 3:5 A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.

Its' effect reveals one's true character.

James 3:6the tongue ... is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction.....

Its' volatility is incredibly high.

James 3:9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against those who have been made in the image of God

The Remedy for the Tongue....

...is available only through Christ.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.

James 3:18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.