


THE TONGUE: a TOOL *to be* TAMED

James 3:1-12



1. I must take the **WHOLE** bible into account as we live out our **WHOLE** lives, not just the parts that we **KNOW** or **LIKE** (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 6:15-23, 13:12-14, 15:4, 2 Peter 1:20-21, Hebrews 4:12, Colossians 3:16)
2. We must take care that what we **TEACH** is properly **GROUND**ED in **SCRIPTURE** (2 Timothy 4:1-4; 1 Timothy 1:6-8; Matthew 23:1-36; 28:19-20)
3. The **TONGUE** is the **SMALLEST** member of our body, yet it **STEERS** our whole being (Psalm 12:2-4; 73:8-9, 120:2-5; 140:3)
4. **PRIDE** (boastfulness) lead to an **UNCHECKED** tongue which sets **FIRE** to an entire course of **LIFE** (Matthew 15:16-20, Proverbs 8:13, 29:11, Jeremiah 9:23-24,)
5. Our **TONGUE** is the same restless evil **ONLINE**
6. We can choose to **BLESS** with our tongue or **WOUND** with our tongue, but we cannot do **BOTH** (Proverbs 18:21, Numbers 6:24-26, 1 Peter 3:9, Ephesians 4:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; Romans 15:2)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-4. It says "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." What are some practical ways we can be ready to teach what is aligned with God's Word? How do we discern between what is speculation/tradition and what is biblical truth?
3. What does James mean when he says the tongue steers the whole body? How can it steer the whole body to evil? How can it steer the whole body to good? Who or what holds the reins, or who or what directs the rudder (the tongue)?
4. James calls the tongue boastful, a world of unrighteousness, a stain to the whole body, set on by fire from hell, a restless evil, and full of deadly poison. Why after knowing all that does our tongue still get us into trouble? How do you tame it? (James says you can't, but does that mean we give up...?) Matthew 15:18 says "what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart." How do you fix the root of the problem?
5. How is our tongue the same restless evil online? How is it often a larger fire? What is our responsibility as living sacrifices when it comes to being DOERS of the Word Online?
6. How can we use our tongue to bless others? What are some practical ways you have been blessed by someone's tongue? What are some practical ways you have blessed others with your tongue? Share a way you will be purposeful this week with your THRIVE Group to use your tongue to BLESS instead of WOUND.