

TONGUE TIED

Practical Faith – Part 10

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “If you claim to be religious, but you don’t **CONTROL YOUR TONGUE**, you’re only fooling yourself and your religion is **WORTHLESS**.” James 1:26

ON SCREEN/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. 3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. 10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!” James 3:2-10

ON TV: Observations about Conflict:

1. **ALL** families have conflict.
2. We don’t **WIN** anything when we “win” an argument in our family.
3. We don’t **HANDLE** conflict the same way.

ON TV: Family Responses to Conflict

- **AVOIDERS**
- **POUTERS**
- **LITIGATORS**
- **SHOUTERS**

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “**WHAT** causes fights and quarrels among you? James 4:1a

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: Key Truth #1: Immediately we **BLAME**.

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: Key Truth #2: As long as you blame others for your unhappiness, you will always be **UNHAPPY**

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “**WHAT** causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from **YOUR DESIRES** that battle within you? 2 You want something but you don’t get it.” James 4:1-2a

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: Key Truth #3: The real problem is that we are not getting what we **WANT**.

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “You **KILL** and **COVET**, but you cannot have what you want. You **QUARREL** and **FIGHT**.” James 4:2b

ON SCREEN: The problem is: I’m not getting what I want.

ON TV: We would rather **WIN** the argument than win in the relationship. Some of you would rather be right than be loved, because to be loved requires you to be **REAL**

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “You do not have, because you do not **ASK** God...” James 4:2c

ON TV/MESSAGE OUTLINE: “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **WRONG** motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:3

ON TV: Who in your family is **SUFFERING** because you’re not getting your way?

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