



“Freedom of Speech” Matt. 12:33-37, Jas. 3:1-12

Intro:

Many seek to find freedom by treating toxic & annoying _____.

True freedom is a result of treating / fertilizing the _____ cause(s).

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matthew 12:33-37

A person with an harsh tongue has an _____ heart.

A person with a negative tongue has a _____ heart.

A person with an overactive tongue has an _____ heart.

A person with a boasting tongue has an _____ heart.

A controlling / jealous person has an _____ heart.

A person with a filthy tongue has an _____ heart.

A person who is critical all the time has a _____ heart.

A person who is always encouraging has a _____ heart.

A person who speaks gently has a _____ heart.

A person who speaks fruitfully has an _____ heart.

What kind of heart do I have? _____

Memory Verse:

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
John 8:36

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-6

Blessed *are* the pure in heart
For they shall see God. Matt. 5:8

Notes:

Action Steps:

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. ²For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. ³Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

James 3:1-12