

“Bridling the Beast”

James 3:1-12

Sunday, September 7, 2025

1. The Tongue Requires Discipline (1-5)

- A. (Pr 18:21) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit." NKJV
- B. Principle: Your words will either direct your life toward faith and blessing OR toward sin and brokenness, so they must be disciplined under God's control.
- C. (Ps 141:3) "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." NKJV

2. The Tongue Reveals Danger (5b-8)

- A. (Pr 16:27) "An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire." NKJV
- B. Principle: An undisciplined tongue is like a spark in a dry forest—its destructive power far outweighs its size
- C. (Mt 19:26b) "...With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

3. The Tongue Reflects Devotion (9-12)

- A. (Mt 12:34b) "...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." NKJV
- B. (Pr 4:23) "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life." NKJV
- C. (Heb 11:6) "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." NKJV

4. Next Steps

- A. Pray daily for God's control
- B. Pause before you post or speak
- C. Practice speaking life

Write-up

"Words have power—to direct, to destroy, and to display what's in our hearts. In **Bridling the Beast** from James 3:1–12, discover why the tongue requires discipline, how it reveals danger, and how it reflects devotion. Learn practical ways to bring your speech under God's control so your words bring life instead of harm. This message will challenge and equip you to use your tongue for God's glory."

Social Media Post

"This Sunday we'll open James 3:1–12 and see how our words can direct lives, cause damage, or reveal our devotion. Come discover how to bring your tongue under God's control and use it for His glory."