

James: Season2 - A Faith That Walks – Taming the Tongue (Ja3:1-12)

1. Five Reasons We Must Tame the Tongue

- A. It's power to _____ (vs.1-2a) *pastors, teachers, can send people to hell, or save their soul!
1. teacher: Gk. used of rabbis, any official teaching role, even non-religious, school teacher
2. consider power teachers have w/ words to lead astray or lead to the Savior! ***1Tim4:16!**
3. God is serious! Greater judgment on all teachers! ***Jer29:22-23; Acts20:26,27; 2Tim4:1-2**
- B. It's power to _____ (vs.2b-5a) *perfect, or mature in Christ; able to control his body/flesh
1. Illustrations: bit/horse – bit lays on tongue, reins pull bit, directs the powerful horse
2. Ship/rudder – small rudder, directs mighty ship, ex. cruise ships/floating cities!
3. Power applied at right point directs whole person; tongue(greater) – body(lesser)
- C. It's power to _____ (vs. 5b-6) *great Chicago fire, 1871, cow kicked lantern; 17,500 homes burned
1. fire destroys: small flame can burn down millions acres; leave homeless 1000's; kill
2. Fire burns as long as it has what? _____
3. **Smoke permeates clothes...** “world of iniquity” world system of evil set fire by hell – Satan

*defiles entire body/life and course of life – contaminates everything in life/influence
***Prv6:16,19; Prv16:27-29** – How does God feel about this person? _____
God gives us steps to take w/ one like this: **Matt18:15-20! Why? _____*
- D. It's power is _____ (vs.7-8) *think of all the powerful animals tamed, but not man's tongue!
*Illustration: animals, shows the tongue/heart is savage; **Jer17:9; Rom3:13-15**
- E. It's power is _____ (vs.9-12) *tongue is savage, but also cunning, deceptive, hypocritical
***vs.11,12 test**

2. Seven Attributes of Power the Tongue Tamed by Jesus Displays (consider the difference... Gal5:14-23)

- A. Power to _____ (**Eph4:29-30**)
**how powerful is an encouraging word? *Prv: apples of gold in settings of silver, a right word*
- B. Power to _____ (**Eph4:31-32**)
**how powerful are the words, I forgive you...?! When we reconcile!*
- C. Power to _____ (**Matt5:7-9**)
**how powerful is forgiveness to heal?!*
- D. Power to _____ what is broken (**1Pe4:8; Col3:12-14; Prv15:1**)
**Words of love to confront with forgiveness have power to restore and reconcile!*
- E. Power to _____ (**Rom15:13-14**)
**how powerful is God's Word spoken at the right moment into a situation to counsel?!*
- F. Power of _____ (**Col4:2-4; Eph6:18-20**) **how many have been saved by praying Mom's?!!!*
**What encouragement has come when one prayed w/you – for you!*
- G. Power to _____ (**Rom1:16-17; 1Cor1:21; Rom10:17**)
**How powerful is the spoken gospel to save!!! *Ex. wives of murdered missionaries to Auca's*