

Faith that Works: Faith through Speech
James 3:1-12

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

James 1:19 (NIV): Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...

MAIN POINT:

Tame your tongue.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 3:1 (NIV): Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 5:1 (NIV): ¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

James 3:2 (NIV): ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

stumble = sin

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 6:5-7 (NIV): ⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

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James 3:3-4 (NIV): ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

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James 3:5-8 (NIV): ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV): ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

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James 3:9-10 (NIV): ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

We tend to remember what others said about us, but forget what we've said about others.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV): ²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Are you building people up or tearing them down?

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James 3:11-12 (NIV): ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Are you speaking life or death?

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