REAL FAITH SPEAKS LIFE

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James 3:1-5 (NASB)

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directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things....

With influence comes <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u>!

Psalm 141:3 (NASB)

Set a guard, LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Words can <u>INFLUENCE</u> the direction of <u>OUR LIVES</u>!

Proverbs 25:11 (NASB)

Like apples of gold in settings of silver, Is a word spoken at the proper time.

The tongue is small but **POWERFUL!**

Proverbs 12:25 (NIV) Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

James 3:5-8 (NASB)

...See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

The tongue can cause <u>GREAT DAMAGE</u>!

We can tame wild animals, but not the tongue without God's help.

James 3:9-12 (NASB)

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

We can't worship and wound with the same mouth.

Our words reveal what's in our hearts.

Luke 6:45 (NIV)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

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