



James 3:1-12 | *The Power of the Tongue*  
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**THE TONGUE HAS:**

**1. THE POWER TO \_\_\_\_\_: THE BIT AND RUDDER 3:1-4**

“We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches [boasts of great things]”

**JAMES 3:3, 4 NLT**

• **Our Tongue directs us:**

“Pleasant words are as a honey comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.”

**PROVERBS 16:24**

• **Our Tongue can direct others through us:**

Please look up: 1 Corinthians 14:3, 24 and list the four results of prophecy.

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The difference between *Logos* and *Rhema*:

2. THE POWER TO \_\_\_\_\_: THE FIRE AND ANIMAL 3:5-8

“... But a tiny spark can set a whole forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself”

**JAMES 3:5B-6**

3. THE POWERFUL \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE TONGUE: THE FOUNTAIN AND TREE 3:9-12

“Sometime it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sister, this is not right!”

**JAMES 3:9, 10**

There is a two-part tension in the book of James. The first is: *This is how I will be if I am a genuine Christ-follower.* The second is: *This is how I ought to be if I am a true Christ-follower.*

***Grace is not opposed to effort it is opposed to earning!***  
DALLAS WILLARD

“That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me”

**COLOSSIANS 1:29**

“For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by His grace”

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:10 NLT**

FROM THE TEACHING TODAY:

- How has the Holy Spirit encouraged you?  
Be specific:
  
- In what ways has He convicted you?  
Be specific:
  
- How will you be obedient from what you heard today?  
Be specific: