

The Weight Of Our Words



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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

Never Underestimate the Weight of Your Words

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

—James 3:1-2 (ESV)

1. We Will Be Held Accountable For the Influence of Our Words.

A. Words Are Powerful.

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

—James 3:3-4 (ESV)

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

—James 3:5a (ESV)

B. Words Can Cause Destruction.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on

fire by hell.

—James 3:5b-6 (ESV)

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

—James 3:7-8 (ESV)

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

—James 3:9-12 (ESV)

2. We Must No Longer Tolerate Careless Words.

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

—Luke 6:45 (ESV)

3. To Change Our Words, We Must Address Our Heart Condition.