

Title: The Powerful Little Muscle

The Tongue Has:

- 1) The Power to Provide Direction
- 2) The Power to Bring Destruction
- 3) The Power to Bring Blessing

Scripture:

The Untamable Tongue

3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. **2** For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a \square perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. **3** \square Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. **4** Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. **5** Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! **6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of \square iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of \square nature; and it is set on fire by \square hell. **7** For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. **8** But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the \square similitude of God. **10** Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? **12** Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? \square Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.