

LIVING FAITH – The Book of JAMES Part 4

Taming the Tongue

JAMES' CAMPAIGN: Challenging _____.

MSG: Control your _____ and you can control _____.

A _____ tongue is a sign of great _____.

THREE ILLUSTRATIONS (v3-6)

- a) A little _____ controls a powerful _____.
- b) A _____ can turn an enormous _____.
- c) A tiny _____ starts a huge forest _____.

PROVERBS on the Power of Words

- * Prov 12:18, 10:19, 16:27, 18:21 & 2 Tim 2:16-17.
- * Words contain _____: They _____ something (John 6:63, Ps 33:6).
- * Words have _____: They _____ something (Prov 12:18, 16:27, 11:29).
- * The big danger is the _____ tongue (James 3:7-12).

JESUS' TEACHING (Matt 12:33-37)

³⁴For out of the _____ of the _____ the _____.

- * What's _____ you will inevitably _____.
- * Your _____ are incontrovertible _____ of what's in your _____.
- * What _____ you _____ come out, eventually, inevitably.

The MESSAGE

- * _____ speech comes from a _____ heart.
- * Inconsistencies come because there are 2 _____ on that heart: _____ & _____.
- * Flesh must be _____.
- * Spirit must be _____.
- * And this is the _____ we're all on, as Christians.

SOLUTION: Get so _____ of _____ that He has to _____.

3 ACTION STEPS

1. _____ your heart (Job 22:21-22, James 4:7)
 - * So much of the _____ is the result of what we have not yet _____.
 - * The best way to _____ your tongue is to _____ your heart.
 - * Surrender is not a one-time _____, but a _____ yielding:
a) _____, b) _____, c) _____.
2. _____ your heart (Col 3:15-16, Eph 3:19, Matt 12:34)
 - * The Law of Displacement: If you want to _____ what's on the inside, you have to start _____ something _____.
 - * What you _____ will eventually _____ you.
3. _____ your heart (Prov 4:23, Ps 141:3, Phil 4:8-9)
 - * Filling the heart is not enough if gates are left _____.
 - * Put a strong _____ on your heart & soul.