

Taming the Tongue
James 3:1-12

1. The tongue and its _____ – vv. 1-4

2. The tongue and its _____ – vv. 5-8

3. The tongue and its _____ – vv. 9-12

To Go

1. Do a study on the topic of the tongue in the book of Proverbs.
2. Reconcile any relationships that are broken because of a fire that your tongue may have caused. Take ownership of your words and ask for forgiveness.
3. When someone is speaking words of judgment, criticism, or gossip, hold them accountable by challenging them.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict you when you are using the same tongue to praise God and to speak perversion, swear, take the Lord's name in vain, criticize or gossip.
5. Make a conscious effort this week to keep a tight rein on your tongue.

At Home Study Guide

For the week of Oct. 8

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This fall we will consider the book of James and its application to us today. As you study the passage, look beyond your notes to glean more truth from this passage by using these questions, so that you know God better!

Context: James is focusing on a specific action – speech – and the danger of misuse. Read James 3:13-4:12 and notice how these sections connect with one another.

Observation: How many different analogies does James use to make his point? How do the different analogies help you understand the harm the tongue can cause?

Meaning: What is the main point or points that James is trying to make?

Application: How have you spoken ill of people made in the image of God? In what ways can you use your tongue to bless?