

First Words - James and Our Tongues

- **James 1:19** - Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.
- **James 1:26** - If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
- **James 2:12** - So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.
- **James 4:11-12** Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?
- **James 5:12** - But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

I need to deal with my tongue because of its _____ – **James 3:1-6**

A. It is important because its _____ powers
James 3:1-2 - 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.

1. They who live by their tongue have greater _____
2. They who master their tongue show greater _____

B. It is important because of its _____ powers
James 3:3-5 - 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. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

1. My tongue is like a bit to a _____
2. My tongue is like a rudder to a _____
3. My tongue is like a spark to a _____

C. It is important because of its _____ powers
James 3:6 - 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.

1. My tongue is _____
2. My tongue is _____
3. My tongue is _____
4. My tongue is _____
5. My tongue is _____

Proverbs 13:2-3 - From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. ³ Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

I need to pray for God's _____ concerning my tongue
Proverbs 18:20-21 - From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. ²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

I need to deal with my tongue because of its _____ – **James 3:7-8**

A. The whole animal world has been _____ by mankind
James 3:7 - For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

1. Walkers
2. Flyers
3. Crawlers
4. Swimmers

B. The tongue has never been _____ by mankind
James 3:8 - *But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

1. In contrast, my tongue is like a cornered _____

2. In contrast, my tongue is like a deadly _____

Proverbs 10:19-20 - *When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.*

I need to pray for God's power over my tongue
Proverbs 16:1 - *The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.*

I need to deal with my tongue because of its _____ – **James 3:9-12**

A. It is inconsistent with God's _____
James 3:9 - *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.*

B. It is inconsistent with God's _____
James 3:10 - *From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

C. It is inconsistent with God's _____
James 3:11-12 - *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.*

Proverbs 10:11 - *The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.*

I need to pray for God's _____
Proverbs 4:24 - *Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.*



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to the Tongue”- James 3:1-12**

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