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“Wild Thing” Words of the Tongue

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James 3:1-12 *1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.*

Words either **U** _____ people or **D** _____ people in this world.
Words of individuals will **D** _____ that persons future and life.
Words of individuals will **A** _____ other people's attitudes and emotions.

Every one of your words matter, they influence someone either **N** _____ or **P** _____.

Teachers - WARNING- you will be **J** _____ more strictly.

The tongue has the power to bring **L** _____ or **D** _____ into relationships in life.

The “Wild Thing” (tongue) has the ability to **D** _____ with lethal force a church, a country, a relationship, a family, a marriage and yes even a life.

God did not **M** _____ you to sin you **C** _____ to sin!

We need to pray and ask the **H** _____ **S** _____ to help us control our tongues.

Encourage one another and **B** _____ each other up.

The first step to getting the tongue in check is **A** _____ for the Holy Spirit's help.

Seven Steps the Holy Spirit will use so we can learn and be enabled to control our tongues.

1. We need to **S** _____, **M** _____, **P** _____ and **T** _____.
2. Why? More Understanding.....
3. What do I want to **A** _____ when I **R** _____ with my words?
4. Look at the **C** _____ and weigh the **V** _____ of the relationship.
5. Let the Holy Spirit **R** _____ to you a Godly solution to the problem or situation.
6. Choose to **A** _____ the Holy Spirit to direct you with God's word.
7. **E** _____ the results

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Our tongues yield supernatural power and if we do not keep them tamed-bridled and under control they will lead our lives right into the pit of Hell.

Therefore we need the Holy Spirit to help lead us into the Wisdom from above that will help us bring it under control!

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Words either unite people or divide people in this world. Have you experienced when words have divided people? When and How? How did that make you feel?**
2. Words of individuals will determine that persons future and life. Have you seen when words have affected someone’s life? Good or Bad share how you saw that play out? It may have been something in your life – please share.
- 3. Words of individuals will affect other people’s attitudes and emotions. Have you seen when words have affected people’s attitudes and emotions? Share a situation that you have witnessed that affected someone personally.**
4. When angry – how would you say you do on watching your tongue?
- 5. Words that flow from your tongue cut deeper than a knife into others hearts and minds. When have you cut someone deep with your tongue? How did you respond to that/How have you responded to that today? Have you reconciled/or did you let it go? What do you think you should do about it today?**
6. People who have been devastated by the words of another person. It has affected them emotionally, spiritually, physically, and relationally. How have the negative words from someone in your life affected you personally?
- 7. What statement has someone said to you that seems to never go away? (i.e. you’ll never amount to anything..)**
8. What do you think you have to do personally to grow in this area and make changes?

Spend some time praying for one another.