

TAMING THE TONGUE

TAMING THE TONGUE: WORDS MATTER

In James 3, the correction to the early church is simply this: the words you use matter.

As a pastor, it's encouraging that the early church dealt with the same thing we do today in the church. But it should be a warning to our own behavior of how we use our words.

Words _____.

I am beginning to realize that people's words, regardless of what they say, never are *really* about what their words _____.

There is always a _____ issue inside. Always a _____ or injustice they feel.

And especially among men. We are to _____ _____. Never feel allowed to share where we are disappointed or upset.

We are simply told: Be a _____.

WSJ Article: "Rescuing Men from Rage Rabbit Holes."

I've learned to ask, "What are you really saying to me?"

As I said, our words flow out of the _____ of us.

When we feel squeezed, all those bottled-up emotions come _____ _____.

Matthew 12:34:

"For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him."

Never before has a world needed men with _____ lips, _____ responses and a _____ blessing.

Question 1

TAMING THE TONGUE: A HEART PROBLEM

JUDGMENT NEVER _____ A HEART PROBLEM.

ONLY _____ CAN SOLVE A HEART PROBLEM.

BECAUSE THE _____ WE USE IS THE OVERFLOW OF THE _____.

James 3:3-

“When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 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. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body but it makes great boasts.”

BUT THE TONGUE IS NOT AT FAULT HERE, ITS SIMPLY THE _____ OF HUMAN LANGUAGE, OF BEING HUMAN. AND AS WE JUST SAID, THE _____ OF THE HEART.

James 3:6-

“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.”

See, with our tongue, we _____ with a God of Genesis 1 who speaks _____ and blessing.

James 3:9-

“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

Created by God to bring _____ but fallen from God and release _____.

Acts 2:2-3

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”

The Holy Spirit comes with _____ of fire.

Question 2

TAMING OF THE TONGUE: WHAT NOW?

So what do we do?

1. WE _____.
2. WE _____ our hearts.

Proverbs 21:23-

“Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself from calamity.”

3. WE _____ a world that desperately needs it.

Question 3