



Watch Your Tongue – James 3:1-12

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START TALKING | *Get your group thinking.*

1. Share examples of critical things you have heard in the news and over social media in the last week.
2. Consider the words you have heard spoken over the last week in your daily life. Share examples of uplifting and helpful things you have heard.

START SHARING | *Get your group engaging with the message.*

3. According to James 3:1 and Matthew 12:36-37, why do we need to be careful with the words we speak?
4. Pastor Steve explains that our words can be powerful.
 - a. Compare and contrast the word pictures described in James 3:2-5 and how those images relate to the power of the tongue.
 - b. Read Proverbs 18:21 and Proverbs 27:6. How can words be used to inspire, deliver, and comfort others?
5. Read James 3:5b-8, Proverbs 13:3, Proverbs 29:20, and Proverbs 21:23. In what ways are words used in destructive ways?
6. Read James 3:9-12, Luke 6:45, Jeremiah 17:9, Matthew 15:19, and Matthew 12:36-37. How do words incriminate us and expose our real heart?

START LIVING | *Get your group applying God's Word to daily life.*

7. Consider the words you have spoken over the last 48 hours. How will the information you have learned from this sermon influence the way you speak to others going forward?
8. What have the words you've spoken revealed to you about the desires of your heart? Pray, confessing to God what has been revealed to you about your heart. Repent and ask Him to make you more aware of how you speak.

Note: For further information read [War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles](#) by Paul David Tripp