



“Taming Your Tongue” part 1 Sept 24, 2023

- I. **James 3:1-12**
 - A. The Power in the Tongue (**Proverbs 18:21**) – bits in a horses mouth
 1. Your Words have Creative Power in them...
 2. Your Words have Deadly Power in them...
 - B. It is greater than you have ever imagined...
 1. **Hebrews 1:1-3** “All things are held up by the word (Spoken Word)...”
 2. **John 1:1-3** “All things were made by Him (the Spoken Word)...”
 3. **Genesis 1:1-3** VERSE 3 “AND GOD SAID...” (All things were made...vs. 3).
 4. 10 Times “And God said...” In Genesis chapter 1
 - Every created thing was made by the spoken word.
 - The basic makeup of all things is The Word.
 - This is why “Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord”....because Jesus created them!
 - This is why a mountain can be moved when “FAITH-FILLED WORDS” are spoken...Greater Words of Power moving lesser words of power!
- II. The Power to Tame
 - A. “No man can tame the tongue...” **James 3:8**
 1. If man can't do it, then only God can!
 2. The goal here is simple: tame – **bring into service; render useful.**
 - B. How does God tame my tongue?
 1. With your submission and cooperation:
 - **Renew your mind by reading the Word every day and every night.**
 - **Ask God for His help. (Psalm 141:3 “Set a watch O Lord...”)**
 - **Give God something to work with: Make daily confessions of faith.**
 2. God always shows up when there is a ready room (Pat Walter's testimony).
 - C. **Ephesians 4:29** (elaborate next week).
 1. **Goal #1: “Every word that I speak to be pleasing to God.”**
 2. **Goal #2: “Every word that I speak to make a difference.”**
 - ** **Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks....we don't realize that the little things (words) makes the biggest difference in this life. Have your words been pleasing to God? Does every word you say have power?**