

12. James uses what three illustrations:
 - a. A _____ bit in the mouth of a _____
 - b. A _____ of a ship
 - c. A forest fire caused by a little _____
13. The Greek word James used can mean “tame” but it can also mean what?
14. Fish aren't normally thought of as being tamed but they can be what?
15. Mankind can't subdue or control what?
16. A tongue issue is really a what?
17. In our own strength we cannot do what?
18. The tongue, because it is a reflection of the condition of our hearts, is a powerful instrument and it is what?
19. The tongue is full of what?
20. James warns us that it doesn't take a lot of words to cause what?
21. Is James referring to unbelievers or believers in verse 9?
22. We bless God with our tongues...yet we turn around and do what?
23. With the tongue we bless God but we curse people who are made in what?
24. Being made in the image of God probably includes the fact that man was created with what?
25. Being made in the image of God also means that man has certain characteristics similar to some of God's. What are some examples?
26. What is one of the dangers that we as believers can fall into when it comes to being involved in politics?
27. Based on Titus 2:2-3 we see that we were victims of the Enemy in our what?
28. Our approach should be to pray for people who don't know the Lord and we certainly have no business doing what?
29. To bless God in song or prayer, only to turn around and curse people who are made in His image and likeness is utter what?
30. What is the first illustration James gives to illustrate the contradiction of blessing God and cursing man?
31. What two trees were the most common in the land of Israel?
32. It ought to be shocking to us when we, those of us who know the Lord, use our tongues to do what?
33. Not only are we usually not outraged and revolted by our contradictory behavior, we don't even what?
34. What have always been a major commodity in the land of Israel?
35. In all the years grapevines have grown in the land of Israel, no one has ever seen what growing on a grapevine?
36. Just like it is absurd and ridiculous to expect to find figs growing on a grapevine, it is altogether absurd for what to happen?
37. You won't get fresh water out of what?
38. You can scoop from the ocean all you want but you will only get what?

39. James tells us, regarding the use of our tongues to bless God and then turn around and curse man, that these things ought what?

40. Publius, the Greek sage, said: “I have often regretted my speech, never my...” what?

41. How’s your speech?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read James 1:1-3:6 one time this week.**
- 2) Read James 3:1-18 five times this week.**
- 3) What is another word for “wisdom”?**
- 4) Read Luke 12:16-20. What did God say about this man in this passage?**
- 5) Think of the people you know who you would consider “wise.” What makes them wise to you?**

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CONTROLLING THE TONGUE

James 3:7-12

(Series #14)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Controlling The Tongue.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What event makes it hard for us to forget 1988?
2. In 2006, what percentage of fires were caused by human activity?
3. James 3 is where James addresses the what?
4. James is very concerned that we know how to live in what way?
5. James is called the what of the New Testament?
6. One of the ways we can live life in a wise manner is by controlling what?
7. According to Proverbs 18:21, what two things are in the power of the tongue?
8. According to Proverbs 10:19 what is not lacking in the multitude of words?
9. According to Proverbs 13:3, the person who guards his mouth preserves what?
10. According to Proverbs 21:23, whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from what?
11. Even though the tongue is small it has what?

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