

Controlling the Tongue

James 3:7-12

(series #14)

Introduction: the power of the tongue

- Proverbs 18:21; 10:19; 13:3; 21:23

I. The Ability to Control Animals v. 7

A. The Greek word can mean tame

B. It can also mean “subdue”

II. The Inability to Control the Tongue v. 8a

A. No man can tame the tongue

B. A tongue issue is a heart issue
- Jeremiah 13:23

C. Only God can change the heart

III. The Danger of the Tongue v. 8b

A. It is an unruly evil

B. It is a deadly poison

IV. The Inconsistency of the Tongue vv. 9-12

A. We bless God and curse men v. 9a

B. People are in the image of God v. 9b
- Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6

C. The contradiction of inconsistency v. 10

D. The illustrations of inconsistency vv. 11-12

Conclusion: Will you allow God to control your tongue?