

Week Three (August 15 – 21)

Day One: Taming the Tongue

Read: James 3:1-6

Reflect:

- 1) Choose the correct word to fill in the blank:  
“If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is the perfect man, able to keep his \_\_\_\_\_ in check.”
  - a) Temper
  - b) Family
  - c) Finances
  - d) Whole body
  
- 2) James highlights how something small can overcome something much larger. Match the correct word to the object it affects:

a) Rudder	___ Horse
b) Tongue	___ Forest
c) Bit	___ Ship
d) Spark	___ Body
  
- 3) Determine whether the following statements are True or False -  
According to James, the tongue:
  - T / F Is a world of evil among the parts of the body
  - T / F Corrupts the whole person
  - T / F Is a small part, and therefore, not very significant
  - T / F Is set on fire by hell
  - T / F Can't hurt as much as sticks and stones
  - T / F Can affect (and even ruin) an entire life

Memorize:

*“We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is the perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.” James 3:2*

**Day Two: The Two-Faced Tongue**

Read: James 3:7-12

Reflect:

- 1) Circle the arrow to indicate in which column James would put the following things:

**Can be tamed**

**Can't be tamed**

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| ⇐ | Hyena              | ⇒ |
| ⇐ | Vulture            | ⇒ |
| ⇐ | Crocodile          | ⇒ |
| ⇐ | Snake              | ⇒ |
| ⇐ | Host on Talk Radio | ⇒ |

- 2) Use verse 8 and the word bank to fill in the blanks:

*evil, tame, poison, tongue*

“...but no man can \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a restless \_\_\_\_\_ full of  
deadly \_\_\_\_\_.” (vs. 8)

- 3) In verse 9 James says we do two things. What are they?

a)

b)

- 4) In order to demonstrate how unnatural it is for us to praise and curse using the same tongue, James offers some illustrations. Which of the following is NOT an example he gives?

- a) A salt spring producing fresh water
- b) A grapevine producing figs
- c) A lamb giving birth to lions
- d) A fig tree producing olives

Memorize:

*“Out of the same mouth come praising and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.”*

James 3:10

**Day Three: Wisdom**

Read - James 3:13-18; Matthew 5:3-10

Reflect:

- 1) How does James say people can demonstrate they are wise and have understanding?
  
- 2) People who choose to either deny their bitter envy/selfish ambitions or boast about them are showing that their wisdom is:
  - a) Earthly
  - b) Unspiritual
  - c) Of the devil
  - d) All of the above
  
- 3) True or False: “Wisdom that comes from heaven is...”
  - T / F Pure
  - T / F Peace-loving
  - T / F Considerate
  - T / F Submissive
  - T / F Full of mercy
  - T / F Impartial and Sincere
  
- 4) In the Matthew passage, what is the word Jesus uses to describe people who are merciful, pure in heart and peace-making? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 5) What does Jesus say peacemakers will be called? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does James say peacemakers will do? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do these promises have in common?

Memorize: *“But wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”* James 3:17