

## Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-11

A sign of \_\_\_\_\_ – how we use our tongue (1-2)

*The words of a man's mouth are deep waters;  
the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.* (Proverbs 18:4)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tongue

Sets the \_\_\_\_\_ of a life (3-5)

*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but  
the tongue of the wise brings healing.* (Proverbs 12:18)

<sup>1</sup> *A soft answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

<sup>2</sup> *The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,  
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.*

<sup>3</sup> *The eyes of the Lord are in every place,  
keeping watch on the evil and the good.*

<sup>4</sup> *A gentle tongue is a tree of life,  
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.* (Proverbs 15:1-4)

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tongue

It can get out of \_\_\_\_\_ (5b)

<sup>18</sup> *Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death*

<sup>19</sup> *is the man who deceives his neighbor  
and says, "I am only joking!"*

<sup>20</sup> *For lack of wood the fire goes out,  
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.*

<sup>21</sup> *As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,  
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.*

<sup>22</sup> *The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;  
they go down into the inner parts of the body.*

(Prov. 26:18-22)

It can \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of you (6)

<sup>27</sup> *A worthless man plots evil,  
and his speech is like a scorching fire.* (Proverbs 16:27)

It is like a dangerous, untamable \_\_\_\_\_ (7-9)

<sup>3</sup> *They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,  
and under their lips is the venom of asps.* (Psalm 140:3)

<sup>21</sup> *Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruits.* (Proverbs 18:21)

It is \_\_\_\_\_ (9-12)

<sup>33</sup> *"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make  
the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its  
fruit. <sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers! How can you speak good,  
when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart  
the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>The good person out of his good  
treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his  
evil treasure brings forth evil. <sup>36</sup>I tell you, on the day of  
judgment people will give account for every careless word  
they speak, <sup>37</sup>for by your words you will be justified, and  
by your words you will be condemned."* (Matthew 12:33-37)

<sup>14</sup> *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.* (Psalm 19:14)