



Series Life Tools

Passage James 3:1-13

Title Tools For Taming The Tongue

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- **Discussion Starter:** What portion of the message this past Sunday encouraged you to examine how you are using the power of your words?

The Good News (James 3:2; Psalm 37:23-24, Mark 3:21-35)

- As we read James 3:2, we see that even James included himself as one who stumbles in many things. The good news is we all stumble. In what area of your life do you see yourself stumbling the most when it comes to controlling your tongue? Is it at home, work, school, while shopping, driving or in your social relationships?
- What are some of the things we need to be mindful of as Christians not to do when speaking that can ruin our witness to others?
- What is the impact on one's life according to James 3:2b for the person who can manage his tongue?
- The good news is that even though we all stumble in many things as Christians, grace prevails. What can we glean from reading Psalm 37:23-24? Explain in your own words what it means as a Christian to stumble, and how God's grace has prevailed in your life?

Examine Your Faith by Your Speech (James 3:3-4)

- What is the relationship between our speech and our faith? For what purpose do we examine our faith?

The Tongue is a Powerful Tool (James 3:5-12, Genesis 1:3, Proverbs 18:21)

- In Genesis 1:3 we read that by God's spoken word all of creation happened. Compare and contrast James 3:5-12 with Proverbs 18:21 and in your own words explain what truths are being revealed?

Value the Power of Your Words (James 3:1,13; Deuteronomy 3:28; Isaiah 35:3-6; Proverbs 15:28)

- We are supposed to use the power of our words to build and edify others. What are some of the examples in the scripture verses mentioned above of how God builds and edifies people? How are you using the power of your words to build and edify others?
- When using our words we are instructed not to **"Shoot from the Hip"**. What does this mean and what should we avoid when speaking to others?
- According to James 3:1, what is the danger of using the power of our words for self-promotion? How then are we to know if God has called us to step up as teachers or leaders?