

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**  
**JAMES: DISCIPLINE OF TONGUE**  
**James 3:5b-12**

**Scripture passage: Colossians 3:1-12**

*"The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil [man] out of the evil [treasure] brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart."*

Luke 6:45

**1. Recognize that the tongue has \_\_\_\_\_ power to harm.**

**2. Recognize how \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the tongue are to us.**

*"A worthless man digs up evil,  
While his words are like scorching fire."*

Proverbs 16:27

**3. Recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ power cannot tame the tongue.**

**4. Recognize that we will sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ in our speech.**

*"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

Matthew 12:36-37

**5. Recognize that our \_\_\_\_\_ reveals the true condition of our hearts.**

**Doing the Word:**

- Work first on our hearts, then on our speech – the closer we are to Jesus, the sweeter our words will be.
- Be quick to repent when we sin in our speech.
- Be quick to forgive when we are sinned against.
- Be especially careful with typed or posted words.
- When we stumble, we fix our eyes on Jesus, repent of our sins, and trust Him as we move forward in victory.