

Communication Under Control

The Good Life Part 3

James 3:1-12

Our Tongue is our...

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“For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.” James 3:2

Response: Be willing _____!

“Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.” James 1:19

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“Now if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. James 3:3-5

Response: _____ what you say!

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“See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.” James 3:5-8

“Reckless words pierce like a sword...” Proverbs 12:18

Response: _____ yourself and _____!

_____ that _____ will control your communication!

“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.” Romans 6:13

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“With it we bless our Lord and Father...” James 3:9

*“Reckless words pierce like a sword...but the tongue of the wise brings healing”
Proverbs 12:18*

Response: _____ communication for _____!
_____ before you speak!

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“Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.” James 3:11-12

Response: Work on your _____!

*“The tongue of the righteous is choice silver...the lips of the righteous nourish many.”
Proverbs 10:20-21*