

James Session 6 / TAMING THE TONGUE / James 3:1-18

INTRODUCTION

The Trouble with the Tongue (James 3:1-12)

Do you agree with what James says in verse two? What areas of life are especially hard to control? If taming the tongue means that we could tame any part of our life, how much attention should we be paying to what we say? What advice would you give a man who asked you how he could better control his tongue?

In James 3:7-8, what is the contrast James draws? What is James communicating about the tongue in these verses?

Do you think the tongue deserves everything James is ascribing to it in this passage? Does it really cause that much trouble, or is James exaggerating? Why do you give that answer?

The Solution: Wisdom from Above (James 3:13-18)

Look at James 3:14. Why would somebody boast about having bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in their heart? Why would they confuse those things with “the wisdom that comes down from above” in verse 15?

IMPLICATIONS

Pursue wisdom in the way you speak.

Remember that wisdom is connected to meekness, not to pride.

Remember the everyone who hears you speak is a person created in the image of God.