

JAMES: Wash Your Mouth Out With Soap

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Text: James 3:1-12

SIGNIFICANCE OF WORDS::

God Speaks – Genesis 1:3; 1:27-28

Satan Speaks – Genesis 3:1

Sin Speaks – Genesis 3:10-13

Redemption Speaks – Genesis 3:14-15

The tongue is the revealer of our heart.

We must remember the eternal ramifications of God's Word.

If we can master the tongue, we can master our sinful tendencies.

If we listen to our tongues, we will discover what yet remains to be renewed in us.

The tongue has the power to control the direction of your life.

The tongue has enormous power to do harm.

Our new life in Christ must show up in how we communicate.

The key to having a life-giving tongue is to guard your source.

WHAT NOW?

1. Guard your source
2. Confession
3. Speak redemptive words

Food for Thought for the week of July 24, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. What impacted you from this week? Conviction? Encouragement? Share with your group.
2. Discuss a time when you were wounded by words? How about a time when you wounded someone with words? How has that impacted you?
3. What have you learned, thus far in your life, about how to tame the tongue?
4. Read Proverbs 18:4 and Luke 6:45. What do these verses say about the condition of your heart when you've spoken something either encouraging or hurtful?
5. Read 1 John 1:9. We're never going to achieve perfection with words. We will stumble, but how do we keep a tight reign on our tongues despite our shortcomings?
6. Think about a time when someone spoke encouraging words to you. Share how it affected your walk with Jesus and how you speak to others.
7. In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." How can we practically encourage and edify our neighbors, friends, family, and fellow believers?
8. Think about, and share with the group, at least one person in your life who is in need of encouragement or needs to be edified. Pray for them. As a group spend some time encouraging each other.

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