

“TALES OF THE TONGUE”*

James 3:1-12

Words can get us into a world of trouble. Any celebrity or political figure, whose every word is made public, will tell you the same thing. What about you? If you tongue was taped for the nightly news, would you be in trouble?

I. THE TINY TONGUE... 1-5

Can Point us in Significant _____.

II. THE TAMELESS TONGUE 5-8

A Tamed Tongue Can Prevent Significant _____.

III. THE TELLING TONGUE... 9-12

Portrays our Spiritual _____.

WHEN FAITH WORKS THE TONGUE TELLS.

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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the Series, *James: Faith Works!* Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. Do you agree that it is easy to stumble with regard to speech? Why do you think our words can get us into so much trouble? See Proverbs 10:19.
2. Have you ever given your word in commitment resulting in a very positive outcome in your life? What was it? What difference would it have made if you were unwilling to make the commitment?
3. How can words spark fires in relationships? See Proverbs 15:1. Did your use of words this week bring calm or crisis into the lives of others?
4. How do you think someone can tame their tongue? What practical suggestions would you make? Consider Ephesians 4:29-32.
5. Read Matthew 15:7-20. How does this passage correlate with James 3:9-12? If speech is sourced in our heart, what has your speech this week revealed about your heart?



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“When words are many, sin is
not absent,
but he who holds his tongue
is wise.”

Proverbs 10:19

“He who guards his mouth and
his tongue
keeps himself from calamity.”

Proverbs 21:23

I. THE TINY TONGUE...

3:1-5

*Can Point Us In Significant
DIRECTIONS.*

A. Making Commitments

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Above all, my brothers, do not swear— not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your “Yes” be yes, and your “No” be no, or you will be condemned.

James 5:12

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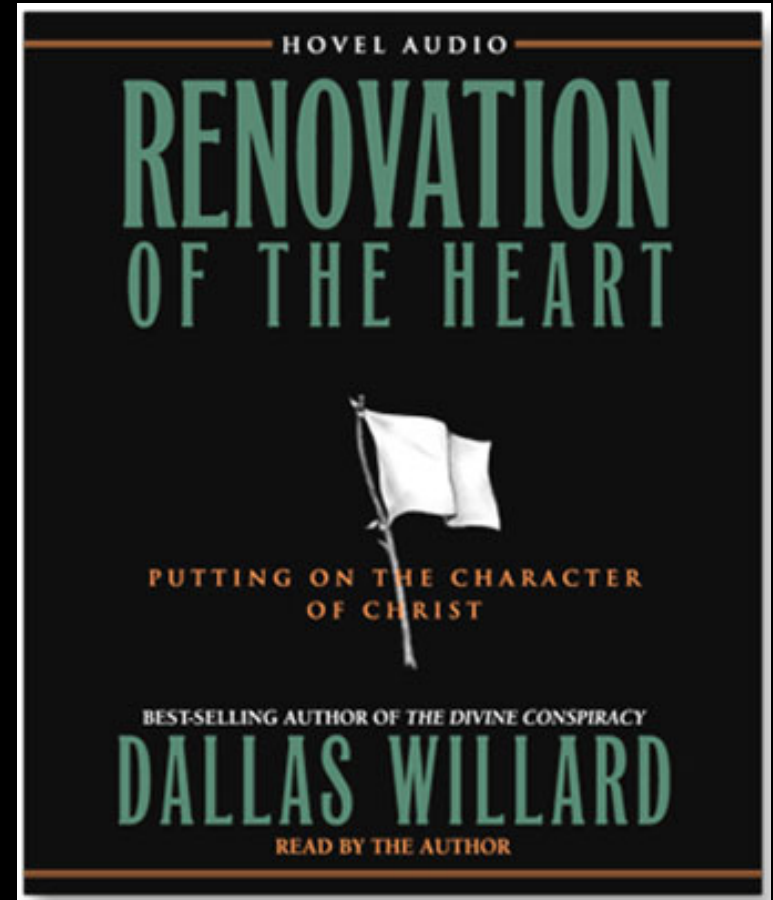
A. Making Commitments

B. Mental Conversations

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“Our power over our thoughts is of great and indispensable assistance in directing and controlling our feelings, which themselves are not directly under the guidance of our will. We cannot just choose our feelings.”



II. THE TAMELESS TONGUE

3:5-8

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“The tongue has the power of life
and death,
and those who love it will eat its
fruit.”

Proverbs 18:21

“A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

Proverbs 15:1

II. THE TAMELESS TONGUE

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*Taming Your Tongue Can Prevent Significant **DESTRUCTION**.*

- Gossip. *Pass it Up & Don't Pass it On.*
- Criticism. *Be Constructive, Not Critical.*
- Slander. *Address Activity, Not Identity.*
- Griping. *God is Good so I'll be Grateful.*

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III. THE TELLING TONGUE... 3:9-12

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“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Matthew 12:34

“...but the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.”

Matthew 15:18-19

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A. Receive a New Heart

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-39

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- A. Receive a New Heart
- B. Release Your New Heart

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