

EVERYDAY SACRED

SACRED SPEECH

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We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. James 3:2 NIV

WHY WATCH WHAT I SAY? MY SPEECH CAN...

Direct _____

When we put **bits** in the mouths of **horses** to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. James 3:3

Or take **ships** as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a **very small rudder** wherever the pilot wants to go. James 3:4

Destroy _____

Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great **forest** is set on fire by a **small spark**. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. James 3:5,6

All kinds of **animals**, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been **tamed** by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:7,8

Display _____

With the tongue we **praise** our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. **Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing**. My brothers, this should not be. Can both **fresh water and salt water** flow from the **same spring**? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. James 3:9-12

HOW CAN I MANAGE MY MOUTH?

1. _____ to _____

Everyone should be **quick to listen**... James 1:19a

2. _____ my _____

...**slow** to speak... James 1:19b

3. _____ from _____

...and **slow** to become angry... James 1:19c

...because human anger does not produce the **righteousness** that God desires. James 1:20

The real problem: _____

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is **worthless**. James 1:26

Jesus: "For out of the **overflow of the heart** the **mouth speaks**." Matthew 12:34b (See also Matt. 15:18-19)

The solution: Change my _____

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

"Heavenly Father, remind me to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Help me refocus on you. "