

“The Smallest, Biggest Troublemaker”

James 3:1-12

I. Introduction – James 1:26; 2:12; Matt. 12:34

II. Powers of the Tongue—*the smallest, biggest troublemaker*

Matt. 12:36-37; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Prov. 18:21; Psa. 141:3; 39:1, 3;
Prov. 26:21; 14:29; Mark 7:20-23; Matt. 19:26; 5:37; Eph. 4:22-32

A. The Power to _____

1. Teachers have a tremendous _____
2. Teachers will face a more strict _____

B. The Power to Control

1. Mastery over the tongue is a continual _____
2. Every Christian’s goal should be to “follow Christ’s _____
3. The tongue is the master control for the whole _____

C. The Power to _____

1. The tongue is like a _____
2. It is like a _____ animal
3. The deadly nature of the tongue is in its _____

D. The Power to _____ **and to** _____

1. The _____ is the most hypocritical thing
2. The tongue must be kept under control of the _____

III. Conclusion – Prov. 4:23; Matt. 15:18; Lam. 3:40; Gal. 6:4; Luke 23:34

- A. The problem isn’t really the tongue, it is the _____
- B. Misuse of the tongue is the easiest way to _____