



PULPIT CURRICULUM

Authentic Discipline: Tame that Tongue

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1. GOING DEEPER

James 3: 1-12

1.1) (a) Discuss why James cautions believers in verse 1 that not many should desire to become teachers of the Word. b) Does this contradict other scriptures that encourage us to share our faith with others, e.g John 20:21? c) How can a Christian know if he/she is called to be a teacher (provide scripture references)? d) What could be some of the consequences of seeking to function in the office of a teacher if you are not called by God to do so?

1.2) (a) How does James indicate in verses 3 to 6 that the tongue can impact our lives and the lives of those around us? (b) What is the source of the power that the tongue possesses (Luke 6:45)?

1.3) (a) In verse 8 we learn that no one can tame the tongue. Does this mean then that we are doomed to be controlled by it? b) Discuss how believers can overcome the destructive power of the tongue. c) How can we demonstrate personal responsibility in disciplining our tongues?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

2.1) To what extent have you surrendered your tongue to Christ?



I have not surrendered my tongue at all...I basically say whatever I feel like saying



I desire to surrender my tongue because I know the damage it does, but I don't know how



I have prayed to surrender control of my tongue, but I find myself often returning to my old speech patterns



More and more each day, I am surrendering control of my tongue to Christ and this is evidenced in what I say



Christ has total control over my tongue

2.2) Identify 3 ways that you can work on taming your tongue.

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Verse of The Week

James 3:10 (ESV)

10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."

3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week with the help of the Holy Spirit? (*Who will hold you accountable*)?

Sermon Main Points	Sermon Highlights
<p>As believers, we can demonstrate authentic discipline by taming our tongues. We can do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Guarding our ambition to become a teacher; ✦ Being aware of the controlling power of the tongue; and ✦ Surrendering our tongue to Christ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>There is a great level of responsibility that comes with being a teacher. Teachers will be held accountable for what they say and there will be heavy consequences for misleading or mistreating God's people.</i> ✦ <i>The words that we say can build others up or tear them down.</i> ✦ <i>As the bit is to the horse, as the rudder is to the ship, as the small fire is to the forest so is the tongue toward the body.</i> ✦ <i>The tongue is humanly untameable and grossly inconsistent.</i>

5 Day Study Plan	"Study to show yourself approved unto God..."
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<p>Day 1 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 What I learned (observation / interpretation):</p> <p>How I will Respond (application):</p>	<div style="margin-bottom: 15px;">  <p>Observation (<i>What does the text say?</i>)</p> <p>When observing the text, look for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who... wrote the book ... who is it about ... who did/ said this? What... is happening? Where... did this take place? When... did it happen? Keywords (significant, repeated, emphasized), Transition words (because, therefore, so then, but), Commands (clear action statements). </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 15px;">  <p>Interpretation (<i>What does the text mean?</i>)</p> <p>When interpreting the text, examine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the main theme... what is the meaning of key words)? Read cross references Compare translations Summarize the big idea Use commentaries (last thing) </div> <div>  <p>Application (<i>How should this affect Me?</i>)</p> <p>When applying the text, ask "How should this change the way I think, speak, act? Seek to identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Examples to follow? Actions to obey? Knowledge to grow in? </div>
<p>Day 2 Matthew 12:33-37 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 3 Psalms 37:30-31 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 4 1 Peter 3:9-11 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 5 Colossians 3:8-10 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>	