

Pt.5 Tongue Control

James 3:1-12

Our Greatest Danger...Not understanding the Power of Words

- ⇒ Proverbs 18:20-21
- ⇒ Words give Life and Words can Kill
- ⇒ We will be judged according to our words... Matthew 12:36-37
- ⇒ 5 Common deceptions about communication
 - 1) "Words are evaporative"
 - 2) "Words are non-revealing"
 - 3) "Words are substitutionary"
 - 4) "Words are powerless"
 - 5) "Bad words can bring good results"

The Power of Our Words...

1. Power to Discredit

3 Things you need to Avoid...

1. Untruthful Words
2. Unnecessary Words
3. Unkind Words

2. Power to Direct

3. Power to Destroy

- a. The tongue may be small, but it has the power to destroy.
- b. Consider the power of fire.
- c. Or consider the power of a snake's poison.
- d. So it is w/the tongue, James added.

4. Power to Display

- a. The tongue has the power to display what is in us.
- b. Some Examples
 - Peter
 - John

Five Standards for Our Words...

1. Speak with a Caring attitude... 1 Peter 5:7
2. Speak with a Praising attitude... Psalm 100:4
3. Speak with Mercy & Truth in Love... Prov. 3:3 & Eph. 4:15
4. Speak by your Faith with a Gentle & Quiet Spirit... 1 Peter 3:4
5. Surrender your mouth to God... Matthew 10:38