

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITH

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I. WHY MUST I WATCH WHAT I SAY?

3 Reasons

1. MY TONGUE DIRECTS WHERE I GO. (vs. 3-4)

James 3:3-4 NIV *When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 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.*

2. MY TONGUE CAN DESTROY WHAT I HAVE. (vs. 5-8)

James 3:5-6 NIV *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.*

Pro 21:23 NIV *He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.*

James 3:7-8 NIV *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.*

3. MY TONGUE DISPLAYS WHO I AM. (vs. 9-12)

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James 3:9 NIV *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.*

Jas 3:10 NIV *Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.*

THE PROBLEM: VERBAL INCONSISTANCY

Mat 12:34 NIV *You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*

Mat 15:18-19 NIV *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.*

II. WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

1. GET A NEW HEART

Eze 18:31 NIV *Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?*

2Cor 5:17 NIV *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

2. ASK GOD FOR HELP EVERYDAY.

Psa 141:3 NIV *Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.*

Psa 19:14 NIV *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

3. THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

James 1:19 NIV *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

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