

Open Windows II – The Tongue (Temptations Series – Part III)

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1. Words can be powerful. Read Proverbs 30:5-6 and compare the words of God with our words.

2. Can you think of some examples of specific passages in the Bible in which words are clearly demonstrated to have incredible power?

3. Pastor Steve starts out with an analogy in which the tongue is compared to the bit in a horse's mouth or the rudder on a ship. How is the tongue similar to both of those objects and how is it different?

4. These illustrations are discussed in the Bible passage for today, James 3:1-12. Read these verses and reflect on their tone.

5. Two illustrations were given in the sermon as to the power of the tongue. Describe each:
 - a)
 - b)

6. Pastor Steve then moved to the window mounted on the platform and talked about each of the two panes in different terms. How are they different?
 - a)
 - b)

7. Both panes in our lives require restraint. Four tactics were described for getting our tongue under control. What were they?

a)

b)

c)

d)

8) As was the case in the previous message on Desire, a key is getting right with God. If we get our heart fixed such that our #1 priority is serving God, then the tongue should reflect that (in the same way that our words will make it known when we are hurting inside). Think of one specific action that you can take that will start you down the road toward using your tongue in a Christ-like manner.