



2/11/24

“Words, Living or Deadly”

James 3:1-12 (NIV)

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“When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips, is prudent.”
(Proverbs 10:19 - CSB)

Three images of our tongue:

1. The tongue is small and unassuming with massive impact

- *Your path of wholeness will be dependent upon what you do with your words*

2. The tongue is like a consuming fire

- *“I should not have said that”*
- *“The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.”*
(Proverbs 18:8)
- *“A wicked person listens to deceitful lips; a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.”*
(Proverbs 17:4)

3. A person of wholeness has a tongue of integrity

- *“A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”* (Luke 6:45 - Jesus)
- *“Your tongue is the hinge on which the door of your heart swings. When you speak you open your heart wide to the world.”* (David Gibson)

So what do we do with this?

Bring your sinful and broken heart to Jesus

"He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray...." (Hebrews 5:2)

"What elicits tenderness from Jesus is not the severity of the sin but whether the sinner comes to Him. Whatever our offense, He deals gently with us. If we never come to Him, we will experience a judgment so fierce it will be like a double edged sword coming out of His mouth at us. If we do come to Him, as fierce as His lion-like judgment would have been against us, so deep will be His lamb-like tenderness for us." (Dane Ortland)

This Week @ Crossview

Sun 2/11	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services	<i>*Hygiene Drive</i>
Wed 2/14	Noon – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 5:45-7:00pm – BLAST OFF Kids (<i>Pre-K – Grade 5, 2nd & 4th Weds</i>) 6:30-8:30pm – APEX Student Ministry (<i>Grades 6-12</i>)	
Thu 2/15	9:00-10:00am – Senior Fellowship	
Sun 2/18	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services	<i>*Hygiene Drive</i>

Coming Soon

Wed 2/28	5:45-7:00pm – Next BLAST OFF Kids (<i>Pre-K – Grade 5, 2nd & 4th Weds</i>)
Thu 2/29	11:45am-4:00pm – SWEPS Volunteering Begins (<i>Ends Fri 3/1</i>)
Sat 3/2	8:30-9:30am – Women's Coffee & Conversation

*Things change sometimes! Subscribe to our email list and refer to our website/church center calendar to get the most up to date information.
For assistance: office@crossviewrapids.org*