

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: July 23, 2017

Proverbs 4:24, 10:11

Read James 3:1-12 and discuss the following:

1. What does James say about teachers? Why will teachers will be judged more strictly than others?
2. To what things does James compare to the tongue in these verses? What are some other comparisons you can think of for the tongue or mouth?
3. Politicians are well known for getting themselves into trouble with their mouths and now, often, with their social media posts. How do James' words about the tongue apply to our online presence through email and social media? Why is it sometimes easier to speak harshly over electronic media than in person?
4. James says no human being can tame the tongue. If that is true, what hope do we have of honoring Christ with the use of our words? How can we obey Proverbs 4:24?
5. Read verses 11-12. What does the question asked by James say about our hearts (See Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 15:17-20, and Luke 6:45)?
6. D. C. Talk once suggested that much atheism is caused by "Christians, who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, then walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle." How are the words you use every day drawing people to Christ or pushing them away from Christ?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Proverbs 4:24. Talk with your family about the value of putting away crooked speech. Discuss practical ways to put devious talk far from you.