SPEAK LIFE - Speaking Words that Heal, not Hurt

“Speak Life”                          David Owens
James 3:1-12                              9/25/16

A. Oh, how our __________ can get us into ____________.
B. There is no such thing as __________ ________.
C. Our words have such power and carry so much weight, and that’s why the
   Bible gives so much ___________ and so many ___________ about
D. James points out how __________ the tongue is to our overall lives.
   1. If we do not keep a __________ ________ on our tongues, then our
      religion is ______________ (James 1:26).
   2. If anyone is never at fault in what he ________, he is a ____________
      man, able to keep his whole __________ in check (James 3:2).
E. James makes three points about the tongue in James 3:
   1. The tongue is ____________, but ___________.
   2. The tongue is ______________ ________.
   3. The tongue is ______________ ________.
F. Working toward having a transformed tongue must be a top __________
   for all who want to please God.
G. Unfortunately, many of us have become ______________ to the problem
   of destructive speech.
H. As a place to begin, let me offer a few helpful things.
   1. Let’s be ____________ ________ for help.
   2. Let’s be ___________ to ___________.
         1. T - Is it ____________.
         2. H - Is it ____________.
         3. I - Is it ____________.
         4. N - Is it ____________.
         5. K - Is it ____________.
   3. Have __________ __________ if necessary (Mt. 12:34; 15:19).
   4. Remember we will meet our __________ in the __________
      (Mt. 12:36-37).
I. Two stories that illustrate the difference of speaking _______ and _______.
   1. The story of __________ ________.
   2. Charles Swindoll’s friend with a ____________.