

SPEAK LIFE - Speaking Words that Heal, not Hurt

“Speak Life”

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James 3:1-12

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- 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 communication (Proverbs 18:21; 21:23; 10:19; 17:28; 25:11).
- 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 _____.
 - a. “T.H.I.N.K. Before You Speak”
 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 _____.

Answer Key: A. tongues, trouble. B. just, words. C. guidance, warnings. D. central. D.1. tight, rein, worthless. D.2. says, perfect, body. E.1. small, powerful. E.2. uncontrollably, dangerous. E.3. terribly, inconsistent. F. priority. G. insensitive. H.1. asking, God. H.2. slow, speak. H.2.a.1. true. H.2.a.2. helpful. H.2.a.3. Inspiring. H.2.a.4. necessary. H.2.a.5. kind. H.3. heart, surgery. H.4. words, judgment. I. life, death. I.1. Karen, Carpenter. I.2. birthmark.