

7 REMINDERS ABOUT THE TONGUE

10/13/18

- * Purpose of sermon -- to discuss "7 Reminders About the Tongue"
 - * Goal -- to give positive ideas about this important subject
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* RECOGNIZE THE CHALLENGE

James 3:1-8 tongue can not be tamed
 1 teachers -- greater accountability
 2 we all stumble -- we seek to bridle the whole
 body
 3 horses have small bits in their mouths
 4 ships have small rudders
 5 tongues are small -- a little fire can burn down
a whole forest
 6 the tongue is a fire -- it defiles the whole body
 8 "the tongue can no man tame"

1. A CHANGE OF HEART

Matt. 12:34 brood of vipers -- how can you, being evil, speak
good things? -- for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
 35 a good man out of the good treasure of the heart
brings forth good things -- and an evil man out of the evil treasure
brings forth evil things
Eph. 4:31 no bitterness, wrath, anger
 32 kind, tenderhearted, forgiveness

2. GUARD YOUR WORDS

Psalms 141:3 Lord -- set a guard over my mouth (a watch before
my mouth) -- keep watch over the door of my lips
Prov. 10:19 multitude of words -- refrains his lips
Prov. 11:12 a man of understanding holds his peace
Prov. 15:28 studies to answer -- pours out evil things
Prov. 17:27 spares his words
 28 holds his peace -- shuts his lips
Prov. 18:13 answer a matter before he hears it = folly
Prov. 21:23 keeps his tongue = keeps his life
Prov. 29:11 a fool utters all his mind
Prov. 29:20 hasty in his words?
James 3:17-18 fruit of righteousness

3. SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Eph. 4:15 but speaking the truth in love -- that you may
 grow up in all things into Him (who is the
 Head)

 26 anger without sin

 27 that you may give place to the devil

Matt. 18:6 seeking to avoid offense

1 Cor. 8:11-13 seeking to avoid causing a brother to stumble

1 Cor. 10:32-33 give no offense -- to the Jews, to the Greeks or to
 the Church of God

4. SPEAK TO OTHER PEOPLE AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
SPOKEN TO
SPEAK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
BE SPOKEN ABOUT

Matt. 7:12 speak to others as you would like to be treated
James 2:13 if you desire mercy, you must show mercy

5. SPEAK TO OTHER PEOPLE AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE
SPOKEN TO
SPEAK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO
BE SPOKEN ABOUT

1 Cor. 9:19-23	consider the individual needs or desires
Col. 4:5-6	learning how to answer people

6. A TIME FOR BOLDNESS AND A TIME FOR TENDERNESS

Luke 19:41-46	tenderness and boldness
2 Cor. 10:1-2	gentleness and boldness
Matt. 18:15	has a brother trespassed against you? -- go and tell him -- alone
Gal. 6:1	do you see a brother overtaken in a fault? -- restore -- in the spirit of meekness

* Just because you like boldness toward you,
should you use boldness toward them?

7. THERE IS A TIME TO KEEP QUIET

Matt. 10:16 be wise as serpents and harmless as doves
Amos 5:12 many transgressions -- mighty sins -- bribes
 --divert justice at the gate
 13 therefore, the prudent keep quiet at that time,
 for it is an evil time