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## **“The Power of The Tongue”**

**James 3:1-12**

Proverbs 18:21 “Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

### **I) The Tongue Has The Power of Perfection:**

- A) We can't avoid being a teacher, but we can avoid our walk being contrary to our talk. (vs 1)
- B) If we can learn to use our tongue only for good, then we can become perfect. (vs 2) (1John 3:16-18)

### **II) The Tongue Has The Power of Direction:**

- A) The analogy of this power comes from bits and rudders. (vs 3-4)
- B) The tongue is capable of divine direction if we use it to speak the words of God. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### **III) The Tongue Has The Power of Transformation:**

- A) The transformation of destruction is an obvious result of an untamed tongue. (vs 5-8)
- B) The transformation that is constructive is obvious to the Godly tongue. (Romans 10:17)

### **IV) The Tongue Has The Power of Purification:**

- A) The fact that people bless God and curse God with the same breath doesn't mean it has to be that way. (vs 9-12)
- B) The tongue has power to purify our heart and spirit. (1 Thes 5:16-18)