

“James: Authentic Christianity (7)” (3:1-12)

Authentic Christian Character: Developed through Trials and Temptations

Past Messages:

Errors of Favoritism and so-called Faith Unsubstantiated by Good Deeds

Today: the Power of the Tongue and Words

I. The Power of the Tongue to Direct (3:1-4)

A. Teaching... Responsibility and Accountability

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B. Words have Inherent Power – the illustration of the Bit and the Rudder (Prov 18:21; Ps 141:3-4)

Let Jesus Christ be the Lord of the Heart, then He will be the Lord of the Tongue

II. The Power of the Tongue to Destroy (3:5-8)

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Practice Humility and reject Gossips will bring Harmony and Unity

B. The Tongue, though Small, is Influential, and can be Satanic and Defiling

Hallmark of Authentic Christian – Gracious Speech (Col 4:6)

III. The Power of the Tongue to Delight (3:9-12)

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B. The human Tongue is often Inconsistent

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