

**problem:**

lying comes natural to us.

Job 42:7-9 - God cares about our words - what actually comes out of our mouths matters.

Matt 12:33-37 - our words reveal what we value at any given moment...main idea

**Main Idea:**

words without Wisdom are dangerous

**Text:**

**Do not presume to teach**

James 3:1 ¶ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

*Jude 1:8-9 - presumption to speak for God (9) - Michael the arch angel did not presume - we do all the time the sin of presumption -; Matt 16:21-23*

*->James is talking about the sin of presumption. knowing that all of us are prone to saying things wrong we need to have fear and trembling if we want to be a teacher of the Word. At the end of the passage he points out that our motives and source of wisdom - our master is revealed moment by moment by our mouth.*

**For the tongue is powerful**

James 3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

James 3:4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

James 3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. ¶ How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

*how great - Gen 11:1-9 - confused language for its power (Rev 19:1, 6 - one day be restored)*

*(Gen 1 -> 3:1) creation and fall and everything in between*

*Romans 3:9-14- our lostness is seen - is should be introduced this way - so you will listen to what isn't from me but Him  
Romans 10:8-13 - salvation is had*

*->the tongue is a powerful thing. Words created everything and words caused the fall. Words begin wars and end them they begin relationships and sever them. Words were used to unite in rebellion to God. our tongue is powerful indeed.*

**And untamable**

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

James 3:7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

James 3:8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

James 3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

James 3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

James 3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

*Moses couldn't tame his tongue - ex 17:6; num 20:7-12; ps 106:32-33*

*->we must not presume to be a teacher knowing that we all stumble and our tongues are very powerful and we are unable to control it. Moses couldn't even tame the tongue - so whats the answer?*

**and will reveal your heart**

James 3:13 ¶ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

James 3:15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

**James 3:17** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

**James 3:18** And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

->there are two sources of wisdom that our mouths reveal. we have our old nature and we must speak out of our new nature. The Word of God is good and so we must make sure His wisdom is reflected in our words.

**Implication:**

**your mouth reveals your master in any given moment-**

Satan's (Gen 3:1-6) -> Jer 23:23-32

-or-

God's - wisdom from above - James 1:5 the word of truth; implanted Word - James 1:18-21(Lk 12:48)

whose wisdom is coming out? - 2 natures - James 1:26-27; Eph 4:29; 5:4; Col 3:8; 4:6 -

**Application:**

**repent** of wrong talking and replace it with regenerated talking Isaiah 6:5

**count the cost** - we need to burn ourselves away every time we attempt to speak for the Lord- Isaiah 6:6-7

**And speak** - his first words - send me - Isaiah 6:8

**and...sing** - Psalm 148 we avg 16k words a day -**your mouth reveals your master in any given moment so**

**sing His praise**

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Wednesday meet at the school for caroling

Here are some articles to help get you going towards application of the message

<http://www.gotquestions.org/power-of-words.html>

being that singing is one of the most unified voices we as a congregation have this is a great article to read carefully and prayerfully

<http://www.theologian.org.uk/pastoralia/music.html>

here is a great article that enhances this study - mans wisdom versus God's power

<http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/the-wisdom-of-men-and-the-power-of-god>