

The Awesome Power of the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Introduction: Most children growing up experience typical episodes of name-calling on the playground. Often, they remember these words for the rest of their lives.

Words have power. Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

Words go deep into the heart

First, a warning for those who teach from the Word of God. Vs. 1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

A controlled tongue is evidence of maturity. Verse 2

3 Ways your tongue affects your life

- 1. Your tongue directs your life.** Vs. 3-4
- 2. Your tongue destroys your life.** Vs. 5-8
- 3. Your tongue blesses your life.** Vs. 9-12