



THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

I. The power to control - v. 3-4

Our tongue has the power to control us

Who controls his tongue is a perfect man (Perfect means mature) Proverbs 15:4

Control of tongue represents a controlled life Matt. 15:18-19

Example of small things that control & have an effect:

Bridle, Rudder, Spark

Practical advice on controlling tongue T.H.I.N.K. (Alan Redpath)

T - Is it true?

H - Is it helpful?

I - Is it inspiring?

N - Is it necessary?

K - Is it kind?

II. The power to destroy – v. 5-8

“It corrupts the whole person” – such a power has the tongue, says James.

It is compared with the fire. Fire has an immense power and can be used for or bad.

James says that the tongue is the very world of iniquity.

James is saying that if you want to deal with the tongue you must start with the heart.

If we want our tongues to be right, then the inner man must be under the control of Jesus.

III. The power to bless (v.9-12) – ways for proper use of tongue

Only God can control our tongues so that we can bless, encourage, build and give blessing to others through our words.

Conclusion

It is our choice – to build or to destroy, to hurt or to heal, make peace or war, to kill or to give life. When the resurrected Lord is in control of our life, the result is words that are edifying, encouraging, uplifting.