



The Power of Words!

December 3, 2023 – James 3:1-12
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Observations about the Power of Our Words

1. Words have the power to **direct**.
2. Words have the power to **destroy**.
3. Words have the power to **dilute** the message of the Gospel.

How do we navigate the power of words?

1. Be **self**-aware and **humble** about the power of your words.
2. Ask God to **help** you keep a tight reign on your tongue.
3. **Weigh** your words before you speak.
4. If you wronged someone with your words, ask them for **forgiveness**.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you direct others with your words?
2. How can Christians use their words to bring destruction?
3. How can Christians use their words to bring life?
4. Why is being self-aware and humble important to keep a tight reign of the tongue?
5. What are good questions to ask yourself as you weigh your words carefully?
6. What evil do you need to repent of that has been revealed by your words?
7. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">December 2023</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 24)</p>			
Week 1 Starting Dec 4	Week 2 Starting Dec 11	Week 3 Starting Dec 18	Week 4 Starting Dec 25
Day 1: Hebrews 4-6	Day 1: James 4-5	Day 1: 1 John 3-5	Day 1: Revelation 10-12
Day 2: Hebrews 7-8	Day 2: 1 Peter 1-2	Day 2: 2 John; 3 John	Day 2: Revelation 13-15
Day 3: Hebrews 9-10	Day 3: 1 Peter 3-5	Day 3: Revelation 1-3	Day 3: Revelation 16-17
Day 4: Hebrews 11-13	Day 4: 2 Peter 1-3, Jude	Day 4: Revelation 4-6	Day 4: Revelation 18-20
Day 5: James 1-3	Day 5: 1 John 1-2	Day 5: Revelation 7-9	Day 5: Revelation 21-22
<p>⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James 4:6-8 (NIV)</p>			

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