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Part 6: Words

James 1: James 1:25 (ESV)- But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

REVIEW

- ◆ Do I have an uncaring faith?
- ◆ Do I have an intellectual faith?
- ◆ Do I have an active faith?

Notes: _____

1. THE PROBLEM OF THE TONGUE

James 3:1-2 (ESV)- Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 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.

2. THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

James 3:5 (ESV)-If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 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. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire.

3. THE POISON OF THE TONGUE

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

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE TONGUE

James 3:9-10 (ESV) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Life Application Section

A. Strive to not bite.

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

B. Strive to edify and encourage.

James 3:10-11 (ESV) From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

C. Examine what your words reveal.

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

Here Is The Point: Words are powerful...use them wisely!