

“The Tongue: Its Uses & Abuses.2”



EVIDENCES OF TRUE FAITH • part 16
James 3:5-12

INTRODUCTION

- three positive uses of the tongue
 - + it can _____ (3:1)
 - + it can show _____ (3:2)
 - + it can display _____ (3:3-5)

1. The tongue is inflammatory (3:5b-6)

- forests aflame from a small fire

- ways the tongue is a fire
 - + the very world of iniquity

 - + defiling the entire body
Mk. 7:20-23

 - + setting ablaze the course of life

 - + set on fire by hell

2. The tongue is indocile (3:7-8)

- “untamed”

- “restless”

1 Sam. 22:9ff; Esth. 3:1ff; Acts 6:11ff

3. The tongue is inconsistent (3:9-12)

- blessing...and cursing

Mt. 16:16; 26:74-75

- consistency in nature

CONCLUSION

- our lives transformed...yet the power of the flesh still operative

Rom. 7:18-25

- breaking those habits of sin

Rom. 6:8-14

Ps. 141:3; Jms. 1:26