

The Power of the Tongue



James 3:1-13, Proverbs 18:21

- Series: “The Power of a Transformed Life in Christ”
 - Theme: The Year of Refreshing – The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
 - Purpose – to teach us how to become effective and efficient in our walk with Christ as believers.
 - Goal – to allow the Holy Spirit to break down the spiritual barriers in our lives, so that we and maximize our growth and fulfill our God-given purpose.
 - Here in these passages of Scriptures Apostle James and Solomon directs our attention to one of the smallest members of our body, but it has the ability to cause great destruction. (James 3:1-13, Proverbs 18:21)
 - God has given us a tool to build with but if we fail to use our speech wisely, carefully, and lovely it will become a tool of destruction to all who encounters it. (Proverbs 18:21)
 - We will never find words that are more powerful, impactful, inspiring and encouraging like the Word of God.
 - We can use our tongue (our words, speech), to speak blessings and life or curses and death.
- A. The Apostle James gives us Three Areas that Reveals Christian Maturity in Believers.
1. The Believers attitude toward suffer. (Chapter 1)
 2. The Believers attitude toward faith and obedience to the Word of God. (Chapter 2)
 3. The Believers attitude toward controlling their Tongue. (Chapter 3).
- B. There are Two Things that Apostle James warns about Teachers within the church. (vs. 1)
- (vs. 1) – My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgement.
1. Teachers of the Word of God should be aware of the responsibility given to us by God.
 2. Teachers of the Word of God should be aware that they will face a stricter judgement from God.

3. This is a strong warning to all teachers, all preachers and all believers who minister the Word of God. We should never take our role and assignment lightly.
 - Your words can lead to a life of freedom or life of bondage.
4. Both teachers and believers should be godly examples both in word and deeds.
 - As believers we must know that our lifestyle, actions, deeds, and words should display to the world that we are true servants of Christ Jesus. (Galatians 1:10)
 - As believers we must fully understand the devastation that can be created and caused by an uncontrolled, untamed tongue or speech. (Proverbs 18:21)
 - As believers we must know that we have been set apart for God and His purposes. (Romans 1:1-6)