



The Most Troublesome Organ in the Body

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James 3:1-12

AN INTRODUCTION

The human tongue:

Weighs 2.2 oz. (men) and 2.3 oz. (women)

Is 3.3 inches long (men); 3.1 inches (women)

Comprised of eight different muscles.

Has over 10,000 taste buds.

It is part of our digestive and communication systems.

IT IS THE TOOL FOR THE COMMUNICATION OF BIBLICAL TRUTH

James points to those who publically taught the Scriptures; they possessed the gift of teaching.

James warns that there are those who aspire to teaching but without considering the tremendous responsibilities associated with teaching.

Two things a teacher must be constantly aware of:

He needs to be teaching God's Truth and not his own opinions.

He needs to have a life that is consistent with what he is teaching.

Matthew 23:27-28

To be a teacher is a grave responsibility – *Ezekiel 3:17-19*

THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL

James 3:3-5

Two examples to illustrate the power of the tongue to control.

Bit and bridle on a horse.

Small rudder on a ship.

Our tongues are often used as the tools of boasting.

THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY

James 3:5b-8

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." This statement is so wrong!

Solomon gives a warning – *Proverbs 16:27*

Why is the damage which the tongue can do like a fire?

It is uncontrollable.

It is untamable.

My tongue is the instrument that causes irreparable damage to those around me.

Yet, I am incapable of controlling my tongue.

Therefore, what am I to do?

A CHALLENGE

The human tongue which, if left uncontrolled, can inflict damage that can destroy a person's reputation and even destroy a person's life.

Words which flow from a tongue can be more painful than "sticks and stones."

Solution: Commit yourself everyday to the control of the Holy Spirit.

NOTES:

THE ONE WHO CONTROLS THE BODY ALSO CONTROLS THE TONGUE

James 3:9-12

With our tongues we give evidence of who or what controls our bodies.

The tongue declares what is on the inside.

Paul's warning – *Romans 6:12-14*

When you allow the Spirit of God to control every aspect of your life, then your tongue will be under the control of the Spirit as well.



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