Me and My Big Mouth

The Power of Words

James 3:1-12

**I. Foundational Facts Concerning Words In This Series**

 1. Our tongue expresses the thoughts and intentions of our heart no matter what \_\_\_\_ they take.

 2. Our natural predisposition with our words is toward \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Our words are the outflow of what has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ filled our hearts.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Abundance: Having plenty; \_\_\_\_ than enough.

 4. Our words are never delivered in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 5. Our words are of greater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the hour we are living in than ever before.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. What Words Have the Power To Do**

 1. Words have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ life.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Words have the power to move \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Words have the power to lift up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 4. Words have the power to \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Conclusion of the Matter**

 1. The tongue can be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. The tongue is so dangerous because it has the continual influence of \_\_\_\_.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. The tongue must be tamed because without words we have no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to ask others about your speech:

Do I make you feel confident that you are loved and often tell you so?

Even when we disagree, do my words tell you I love and respect you?

When bringing correction and/or direction, are my words both firm and affirming at the same time?

Do my facial expressions and/or body language align with my words?

Think of your own questions to ask.

“Be mindful when it comes to your words. A string of some that don’t mean much to you, may stick with someone else for a lifetime.”

— Rachel Wolchin

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

— Mother Theresa

“All I need is a sheet of paper and something to write with, and then I can turn the world upside down.”

— Friedrich Nietzsche

Remember: “Our tongue expresses the thoughts and intentions of our heart, no matter what form they take.”

— Bishop James E. Collins