

REAL FAITH TAMES THE TONGUE

Have you ever said something you wished you could take back in an instant? A careless comment, a harsh reply, a post written in anger. Words may feel small, but Scripture reminds us they are anything but harmless. That's why James gives us such a sobering warning about the tongue. If left unchecked, it can corrupt us from within (James 3:6). The way we speak is not a minor issue – it's a spiritual one. God calls us to examine our faith and ask: Do my words reflect a life truly surrendered to Him?

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

We might not realize it, but we are accountable for what we say. For Christians, this responsibility carries even greater weight. When our speech contradicts our confession, we weaken our witness. James acknowledges that we all stumble, especially in our words (James 3:2). Jesus goes further saying that we will give an account for every careless word emphasizing that our speech matters to God (Matthew 12:36-37). Instead of careless words, we are called to speak in ways that build others up – words that are timely, helpful, and gracious (Ephesians 4:29). Real faith is not only heard in what we believe but seen in how we speak.

POWER TO BUILD OR DESTROY

In the heat of the moment, we might be inclined to post on social media, speak in anger, or talk badly about others impulsively and then move on as if nothing happened. But words linger. James compares the tongue to a fire – small, yet capable of great destruction (James 3:6-8). Every conversation is an opportunity to speak life or spread harm. Gracious words, however, are described as sweet and healing (Proverbs 16:24). Real faith chooses to use words to restore, encourage, and point others back to God.

PROBLEM OF THE HEART

Ultimately, the issue is not just the tongue – it is the heart. James warns against praising God while cursing others made in His image (James 3:11-12). Jesus explains why: the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart (Luke 6:45). If our words are harsh or bitter, they reveal what is within us. But by God's grace, He transforms us from the inside out. As we walk by the Spirit, He produces new fruit – love, patience, kindness, self-control (Galatians 5:16, 22). When the heart changes, speech follows.

last week's memory verse

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

JAMES 3:2

discuss this message

- How can the tongue (our words) be a measure of maturity in the faith?
- What are positive and negative ways we impact the lives of others using our words?
- What does "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks" mean, and how will you apply this?

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3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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Do you think our nation is broken and needs healing?

Let's talk about it at the Welcome Center.

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

step into the COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN

A Clean Heart in a Corrupt World

with Joyce Pring-Triviño

February 26, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

Before You Fall

Session 3: Before Love Takes a Backseat: Career, Ambition, and the Heart

February 27, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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Faith in Action

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12

9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

RESOURCES:

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FRIDAY OUTREACH OPEN TO ALL

Get trained in evangelism and bring the gospel to the streets!

Saturdays, 3:00 PM, Room 3A

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learn more ABOUT OUR FAITH

GLC classes are resuming soon!

Be rooted in God's Word and continue your discipleship journey.

GLC Level 1 and Level 2 classes resumes **March 8**.

GLC3 LEAD coming on **April 12**.

Want to start GLC training right away? Choose what works for you:

Use the **E-Learning format:**

glc.ccf.org.ph/online

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If you have any questions, the GLC booth is open on Sundays!

Other Events

EVANGELIFESTYLE

WITH PTR. RICKY SARTHOU, PTR. ALVIN LAGAMON, AND PTR. ERICK TOTAÑES

Be equipped to share your faith.

February 25, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, MPH

GLC PREMIERE

Be Where You Can Be Equipped. Join us as we begin a new season of learning and discipleship.

March 1, Sunday, 2/F Annex Building

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

Your weekly Bible study community is here!

Launching March 4, Wednesday 7:30 PM, MPH

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

We are willing to listen and improve!

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen.

Email them along with your name at

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Note: Emails without **full name** shall not be entertained.