

TAMING YOUR TONGUE

James 1:19-20, 26; 3:1-12; 4:11-16; 5:12

The most revealing test of our spiritual maturity is the _____ test (1:26; 3:2).

The tongue has _____ (3:3-5).

The tongue is _____ (3:6; see also James 1:27; 1 John 5:19).

The tongue is _____ (3:7; see also Mark 5:1-4).

Why tame it?

- To _____ (3:2).
- To _____ (3:1; 4:12; 5:12; see also Matthew 12:36-37).

How to tame it:

- _____ (1:19-20; see also Proverbs 10:19).
- _____ (3:1; see also Luke 12:47-48; 17:2).
- _____ (3:9-12; 4:11-12; see also Rom. 12:14).
- _____ (4:13-16; see also Acts 12:21-23).
- _____ (5:12; see also Matthew 5:34-37).
- _____ (3:11-12; see also Psalm 19:14; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Matthew 12:34; Romans 6:13; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:16-25).

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read James 1:26 and 3:2. If someone were to ask you how spiritual maturity is measured, what would you say?
2. Read James 3:3-7. Based on these verses, do you think James believed we have the power to tame our tongues? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 12:34, Ezekiel 36:26-27, Galatians 5:16 and Romans 6:13. Do you think God has the power to control your tongue? If so, how can you access that power?
4. Read James 1:19-20; 3:1; 3:9-12; 4:11-16; and 5:12. Of all these verses, which one is most challenging to you? Why?
5. Can you think of any passages in the Bible that teach us how to use our tongues righteously? (If not, try to find at least one.)