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Putting Your Faith to Work – Part 5

The smallest but greatest troublemaker in the world is the tongue. As we are putting our faith to work, we have to control our tongue.

The amazing thing about the human tongue is that it takes three years to learn how to use it, but it takes a lifetime to learn where and when to use it.

James 3:1–12

The Power of Your Tongue

1. The tongue has the power to _____. James 3:3–4
 - *“The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”* Proverbs 15:4
2. The tongue has the power to _____. James 3:5–6
 - *“Words kill or words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.”* Proverbs 18:21 (Message)
3. The tongue has the power to _____. James 3:9–12
 - *“The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life...”* Proverbs 10:11
 - *“The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the*

mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.” Proverbs 10:32

Before you open your mouth engage your brain and check your heart. **THINK** about the power of your words.

- T—is it _____?
- H—is it _____?
- I—is it _____?
- N—is it _____?
- K—is it _____?

Words are powerful, so may we use them in a way that honors God and builds others up.

Answers: direct; destroy; delight; true; helpful; inspiring; necessary; kind

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