

*Pure Religion*  
The Little Destroyer – James 3:1-12  
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**I.A Warning for Teachers (3:1-2)**

- Teachers must carefully consider their words for they use many (Proverbs 10:19).
- Teachers must carefully consider the harmony of their lives as to not undermine their instruction.

**II.The Tongue Is... (3:3-8)**

- Disproportionately powerful (vss. 3-5)
- A fire set by hell (vs. 6)
- A world of unrighteousness (vs. 6)
- A stain (vs. 6)
- A restless evil (vs. 8)
- A deadly poison (vs. 8; Romans 3:13-14)
- Untamable (vs. 7)

**III.Blessings and Curses (3:9-12)**

- Salt water or fresh water?
- Figs, grapes, or olives?
- Nature is more consistent than we are.
- We are known by our fruit, and we will give an account for every word (Matthew 12:33-37).

**What Now?**

1. Guard your heart (Proverbs 4:23-24; Hebrews 4:12).
2. Outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12:10).
3. Clean out your own kindling (Proverbs 26:20-21).

**Questions/Discovery Points for  
Life Groups/Families**

**Please read James 3:1-12**

1. Why do you think it is so hard to control your tongue?
2. In what ways is speech deadly?
3. In what ways does the mouth speak what is in the heart?
4. Which word picture James used struck you with the most force? Why?
5. Were there any areas where you were convicted during this sermon? Where and why? What are you going to do about it?
6. What are some other pieces of advice you have in learning to mitigate the damage done by the tongue?