

# STICKS & STONES

## The Power of Words

### I. The Warning and Destruction Power of our Words (James 3:1-12)

#### A. The Warning and Honest Truth (1-2)

1. While the teacher of the Word of God is an important role, many should \_\_\_\_\_ become teachers
  - Are teachers the only ones who will be judged? (2Cor. 5:10)
  - Who else does the scriptures include as teachers?
2. As believers, we have to be reminded that we still \_\_\_\_\_ struggle in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
  - Do Bible teachers have to be “perfect”?
3. It is God’s desire to grow or \_\_\_\_\_ us all, however teachers must \_\_\_\_\_ be mature in this area
  - Has anyone arrived? (Philippians 3:12)

#### B. The Destructive Power and influence of our Words (3-6)

1. An illustration on how our words affect \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ex. Lying
2. An illustration on how our words impact \_\_\_\_\_ (5-6)
  - A fire

#### C. The Problems with the tongue (7-12)

1. Despite our ability to tame wild animals \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ to tame our own tongue
  - Are we hopeless? Romans 7:24
2. The hard truth that regardless of \_\_\_\_\_ we are or \_\_\_\_\_ we are talking to our words should reflect the character of God.
  - How would people outside of church describe you?
3. An illustration on the \_\_\_\_\_ nature problem for every believer
  - But these thing “ought not to be so...”

### II. The Exhortation and the Constructive power of our words (Ephesians 4:17-32)

- Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. Ephesians 4:29