



Extraordinary Words – Message 3

Announcements

Step One – Starting Point // Sunday, October 2nd at 12:45pm // LCC Annex, SSC Offices and GCC. Get a basic introduction to the ministry of Church of the King and the opportunity to become a member of the church.

Night of Prayer and Worship // October 7th from 7pm–9pm // All Campuses. This life-giving night includes powerful prayer for personal needs, encouragement from God's Word, supportive group prayer, and inspirational worship. Register for childcare at ChurchoftheKing.com/register.

Warm-up

What's your favorite tongue twister?

Over the last two weeks of the *Extraordinary Life* series, we have explored how we *walk with the power of God* and how we *balance faith and works* in Christ. This week we continue our study in the book of James by looking at the *power of speech* through *Extraordinary Words*.

Word and Application

The power of our words carries the power to heal or to wound, to encourage or to discourage, to speak truth or to deceive, to lift or to lame. God spoke everything into existence with His word. We can even make a choice to worship God with our words. Moreover, the Bible is often referred to as the Word of God because when we open the Bible, He speaks to us. Words can be a key to our success or downfall.

There are three types of people in life:

1. Those who think before they speak
2. Those who think while they speak.
3. Those who think after they speak.

Have you ever been thinking of what to say, but you ended up saying the complete opposite of what you were thinking? Let's take a look at what the Bible says about our words.

Three Principles on the Tongue

1. Spiritual maturity is evidenced by your ability to control your tongue

Read James 3:2 & Matthew 12:35 & Galatians 5:22-33.

What do these scriptures say about the ability of man to control their words? Why would it be helpful to ask yourself these five questions before you speak? Which of these questions most resonate with you?

- T- Is it True?
- H- Is it Helpful?
- I- Is it Inspiring?
- N- Is it Necessary?
- K- Is it Kind?

2. Your tongue can light up or burn down your world.

Read James 3:3-6.

One of the best ways to break free from negativity is simply by speaking words of life and hope. Why do you think that it says that the tongue is a firestorm waiting to happen? Can you think of a time when a seemingly small lie or rumor caused major turmoil in your life or the lives of others?

3. Your tongue reveals what's in your heart.

Read Matthew 12:34 Psalm 141:3.

What's in our heart comes out of our mouth and turns into our actions. Based on this truth, how can we learn to guard our speech?

How does it make you feel when someone comes to you with juicy gossip?

Three P's to Bridling Your Tongue

1. Hold on a minute - PAUSE

Read Proverbs 10:19. What is the benefit in pausing before we speak? Do you find this exercise challenging to apply?

2. Give it some thought - PONDER

Read James 1:19. What are some practical ways we can learn how to ponder before we speak?

3. Appeal up - PRAY

Read Psalm 19:14. Share a time when you struggled to hold your tongue in a situation, but after prayer God gave you the strength to do so.

We need to admit that controlling the tongues is not something we do in our own strength. We need God's help to bridle our tongue to only speak life. How different would this world be if we only spoke life?

Which of the practical principles from this lesson will you apply this week in your conversations with others?

Prayer

Thank God for making His strength available for us to help us be obedient and ask Him to slow our minds down long enough to consider if what we are about to say is life or death. Pray for specific needs in the group.