**Distracted. Part 3   Pastor David King**

(James 3:1-12) **1** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. **2**We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. **3**When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4**Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5**Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7**All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8**but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9**With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. **10**Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. **11**Can both fresh water and saltwater flow from the same spring? **12**My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

(Psalms 141:3 TLB) Help me, Lord, to keep my mouth shut and my lips sealed.

1. **The Tongue is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but disproportionately powerful.**

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1. **The tongue has been a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since the day we were born.**

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**How to tame the tongue.**

(Psalms 19:14) May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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(James 1:19 NKJV) So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

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**Think before you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**T – is it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

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(Matthew 12:34 NKJV) Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

(Philippians 4:8 NKJV)Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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