

October 5th 2008

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Sermon notes

A WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR AIDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS
SUNDAY'S SERMON AT REDEEMER TO YOUR LIFE.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Examine your Heart. Is it new?
2. Pray and ask God to give you strength to tame your tongue. Earlier James bids those who lack wisdom to ask God for it.
3. Memorize a few key verses for regular recall and reflection. Recite, write, post- put them on your screen saver, your mobile phone, whatever works to keep them before you.
James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;
Proverbs 13:3 Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
4. Ask Your Spouse and/or close friend to hold you accountable regarding your speech. Someone who spends time with you, who will be faithful to help you.
5. Speak slower, think first. Write that email response slower, think first. Text that message slower. Just because you think it doesn't mean you should say it.
6. Pro-actively seek to speak encouragement as counteraction to sinful speech. Seek opportunities to complement, encourage, and praise those you relate with regularly.

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"Taming the Tongue"

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James 3:3-12

Pastor Tony Felich

The tongue has enormous power therefore it must be controlled....but how?

- **We must realize the power of the tongue**
 - *A bit in the mouth of a horse* (3)
 - *The rudder of a ship* (4)
 - *A forest fire* (5-6)
- **We must be realistic about the controllability of the tongue**
 - *Controlling the tongue is not humanly possible* (7-8)
 - *The tongue reveals how sinfully complex we are* (9-10)
- **A Changed Heart is the key to a controlled tongue!**
 - *What comes from the tongue originates in the heart* (10-12)
 - *Jesus addresses the issue of the heart and tongue* (Mt.15:18)

Redeemer Happenings

Pray for the 10 people from Redeemer attending the National Association of Nouthetic counselors Annual Conference in St. Louis, October 6-8, 2008. The theme this year is **Balancing Grace and Truth**.

The *National Association of Nouthetic Counselors* is a fellowship of Christian pastors and laymen who have banded together to promote excellence in biblical counseling. NANC was founded in 1975 in service to Christ to address several needs in the biblical counseling community.

