

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION - 06.19.2022
"Our Most Dangerous Weapon" (James 3:1-12) - Spencer Woller

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Consider the three "Check Points" that were shared during this message:
What is the significance of these "Check Points" and why is it important for us to understand/remember each of them?
 1. We all share one sin in common: Fault in what we say before God (James 1:2)
 2. Our tongues are small but can steer the entire course of our lives and impact others greatly.
 3. God made humans in His image; we cannot tear each other down with our words.

3. How does Ephesians 4:29 (the passage shared for the benediction) remind us of how we are to use our tongues?
How does this passage relate to James 3:1-12 (the sermon passage), and how can we rightly respond to both for God's glory?

4. At the end of the sermon, Spencer shared the following points:
How do these motivate you to better control your tongue?
Why Should We Battle The Tongue?
 1. **Our most dangerous weapon!**
 2. **Our testimony to non-believers!**
Psalm 51:14 - Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.
 3. **God commands it!**
James 4:17 - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.
*2 Corinthians 5:17 - If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***As you consider the following "How to" statements - what steps is the Lord calling you to take next to grow in this area?**
How Should We Battle The Tongue?
 1. **Have a Right Heart with God!**
Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
1 Peter 5:8 - the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
 2. **Discernment in the Holy Spirit!**
 3. **Deliberate Effort to Gain Biblical Wisdom!**
James 1:19 - Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.
Colossians 4:2 - Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
 4. **Pause before we speak...OR POST! OR TEXT!**
 5. **Remember who we represent!**
 6. **Speak from a position of love instead of dissent!**