

Pressure Points Bible Study IV: The Pressure of Words – James 3:1-18

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Things to Ponder

- 1) What are some examples of how the words a person uses can crush another person's spirit?

- 2) How might the truth bind someone instead of setting them free? (e.g. Some asks you if an outfit looks good and you notice that it doesn't .)

Going Deeper

- 1) Why do you think our lesson about the pressure of words opens with the idea that everyone shouldn't become a teacher?

- 2) Today's lesson gives several examples of things that are used to direct other things (e.g. bridle, rudder, etc.). What do you use to help direct the words that come out of your mouth? Why do you use this?

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- 3) How has the pressure to be politically correct within our nation over corrected for those among us who don't know how to control the words we say? If you can think of an example, provide it.

- 4) How can we address wrongs and injustices in the world around us without using our mouths in ways that dishonor God (e.g. cursing others with the same mouth that we bless God.)?

- 5) According to today's lesson, human beings are responsible for what their tongues usher into the world when they speak. This is because the tongue can only speak what the heart and mind allow it to speak. What can people of faith do to make sure that how and what they say are things that reflect God's will?
