

Message Notes

The Power of Words

James 3:1-12

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Design

Words have immense power...for good or for evil.

Misuse

Rather than being cultural *leaders* in how we use words, we allow ourselves to *follow* our culture's example.

Implications

Misusing our words leads us into sin.

Misusing our words defaces the image of God in others.

Misusing our words compromises our witness and the advance of the Gospel.

Remedy

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to tame our tongues.

When we confess, God *cleanses* our unclean lips, and then *redeems* them for His purposes!

Potential

How can we wield the power of words in a biblical way?

Start with silence

Commit to listen

Don't fan the flames of someone else's fire

Use words to build up, sow peace, and bring hope