

Text: James 3:1-12
Topics: Judgment, Self-control, Words
Series: Genuine Faith on the Anvil of Life.

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They Can't be Taken Back

I. The Caution (1)

If you want to stand up to teach, be ready to sit down for judgment!

II. The Challenge (2)

Growing maturity requires self-control, and it starts with my words.

III. The Consequences (3-8)

There is great potential for good (3-5a),
and for destruction (5b-8) in my words.

IV. The Consistency (9-12)

When my mouth sends conflicting messages, I need to consider the source.

Christ will help me at my heart need!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. What is the funniest, and/or most convicting, saying about our words that you've heard? Why?

2. Read James 3:1-2. Is the desire to teach in the church good? Explain. Do you have that desire?

Why would the teacher in the church be subject to stricter judgment?

What does it mean to be "perfect" (or mature) in verse 2? Give examples.

3. Read James 3:3-8. How does James illustrate that there is great potential for good, or for destruction, in our words?

This potential is reason to control our words. Can you see another reason?

Can you give an example of using your words for good and what happened?

Do you have an example of using your words destructively and the result?

Is controlling your words a very difficult challenge for you? Why or why not?

4. What issue does James raise with his readers in James 3:9-12?
Is there a particular type of circumstance(s) when you are prone to be guilty of this?

What makes sending a consistent message with our words so hard?

5. What does Mark 7:17-23 tell us our words reveal?

How do we find help from Christ to gain control over our words?