

# ***“Restraining the Tongue”***

**James 3:2-12**

## **Intro:**

*“None of us have tamed our tongue.”*

### **I. Marvel at the Power of the Tongue to Direct and Influence the Course of a Life: (vs. 3-4)**

### **II. Marvel at the Power of the Tongue to Damage a Life: (vs. 5-6)**

**Application:** Practical advice on how to put out the fire.

- 1) Have the moral courage to be a “\_\_\_\_\_”. Don’t swallow the juicy morsel, and don’t pass it on as fact.
- 2) Be slow to \_\_\_\_\_ a bad report.
- 3) Be wise enough to know that someone else’s fire can \_\_\_\_\_ on fire.
- 4) Be honest with all of the times that you have delighted in a tasty morsel. Be honest about all the times your heart has been glad because you heard a bad report.