

## Poisoned

James 3:1-12

### Recognize the Power of the Tongue

1. The tongue has the power to initiate direction
  - A. Illustrations
    - A bit
    - A rudder
  - B. Application: Speak wisely!
2. The tongue has the power to inflict destruction
  - A. Illustrations
    - A fire
    - A wild animal
  - B. Application: Speak carefully!
3. The tongue has the power to instill deception
  - A. Illustrations
    - A spring
    - A plant
  - B. Application: Speak consistently!

### Recognize the Problem of the Tongue

Jesus shows us the heart of the problem  
Matthew 12:33-37; 15:18-20

### Recognize the Prescription for the Tongue

The prescription is the filling of the Holy Spirit  
Ephesians 5:18-20