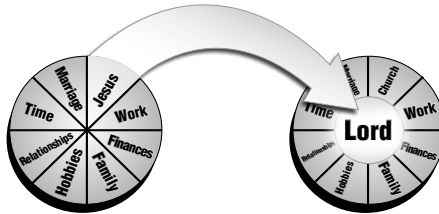


Message #8 – “Jesus is Lord of My WORDS and TONGUE”

Review:

“Lordship” = Jesus’ total control of every area of my life.




Words are not neutral – they are powerful and are a reflection of our hearts. They have the incredible ability to promote life or death, and if used properly, there is nothing more powerful than the words we share with one another. As followers of Christ, we must learn to harness the power of the tongue!

Reality: It is very difficult for all of us to control our tongues.

“If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.” – James 3:1


Why is it so difficult to control the tongue and the words we use?

The Tongue is:

#1 -  (vv. 3-6) - Capable of great destruction disproportionate to its size!

Examples:

Why is the tongue so powerfully destructive?

#2 -  (vv. 7-8) - Undomesticated in humans with respect to the rest of creation.

#3 -  (vv. 9-12) - Falsely advertises and voices confusing messages.

Examples:

How to harness the positive potential and power of our words and tongue?

“Don’t let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen.” – Ephesians 4:29

#1 – Don’t use your words negatively – control your tongue.

#2 – Encouragement Equation: Build others up – according to their needs – that it may benefit!

The Example of the Heavenly Father:

“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” – Luke 3:22