

## **James – Taming the Tongue**

*"One of the first things that happens when a man is really filled with the spirit is not that he speaks with tongues, but that he learns to hold the one he already has."*

*- J. Sidlow Baxter*

*Where is this bible study going...?*

God's clear purpose is that we become his fully mature children, fully able to participate in a relationship of love with Him, where we will have a deep sense of satisfaction in all of our life. A perfect relationship with God overflows into perfection in our relationships with one another and with ourselves.

**Read James Ch. 3 v. 1-12.**

**Write down some words which spring to mind when you think of both the good and bad ways the tongue can be used.**

**Keeping in mind what you have written above look at some of the biblical examples of an untamed tongue and think about why there is a need to control what we say.**

**In your groups read Proverbs Ch. 12 v. 18-19, Ch.13 v. 3, Ch.16 v. 27-28, Ch. 17 v. 7, Ch. 18 v. 8, Matthew Ch. 7 v. 15, Ephesians Ch. 4 v. 25, Philippians Ch.2 v. 14-15.**

**Take some time within your small groups to discuss the ways we misuse our words in our personal life.**

*Judging Others...*

**Read James Ch. 2 v. 8-9 and Ch. 4 v. 11-12. How do these verses affect our relationships with both Christians and people who aren't Christians?**