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## Practical Faith Pt. 5 Small & Powerful

Proverbs 18:21a

<sup>21</sup> *The tongue can bring death or life;*

James 3:1-12:

*Dear brothers and sisters,\* not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.*

*<sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.*

*But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.\**

*<sup>7</sup> People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.*

*<sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! <sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.*

I. The power to \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:28-32

II. The power to bring \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thess. 5:11

*<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.*

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Proverbs 10:32

*<sup>32</sup> The godly speak words that are helpful, but the wicked speak only what is corrupt.*

Proverbs 12:18

*<sup>18</sup> Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.*

III. How to speak \_\_\_\_\_

a. Slow to \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:19

*<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*

b. Speak out of \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:12&13

*<sup>12</sup> So whenever you speak, or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law of love, the law that set you free. <sup>13</sup> For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.*

*We have to speak to each other out of love and to help draw one another closer to the Lord.*

John 13:35

c. Fill your \_\_\_\_\_ with the things of \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 4:20-25

1 Peter 3:10-12

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