

## Sermon Notes – September 4, 2022

### Watch Your Tongue! (*James 3:2-12*)

- I. Maturity is expressed in the ability to control the tongue. (*Vss. 1-4*)
  - A. The obedience of the horse.
    - 1. A small bit controls a large horse.
  - B. The direction of a ship.
    - 1. A small rudder directs the large ship.
  
- II. Maturity is proven in the ability to recognize the danger of the tongue. (*Vss. 5-8*)
  - A. A small instrument boasts of great things.
    - 1. Salvation. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)
    - 2. Future days. (*Proverbs 27:1*)
  - B. A small spark sets a large fire.
  - C. A small member is full of evil from hell.
  
- III. Maturity consistently deals with the condition of the tongue. (*Vss. 9-12*)
  - A. The source of blessing and cursing.
    - 1. The lesson of Peter. (*Matthew 16:16; 26:74-75*)
    - 2. The lesson of Paul. (*Acts 23:3,5*)
  - B. The production of spiritual fruit.
    - 1. The fruit of the Spirit. (*Galatians 5:22*)
    - 2. The testimony of our lives. (*Matthew 7:18,20*)