

SERMON NOTES
"The Visible Gospel"
James 3.1-12

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James 3.1-4

James wants us to see that our words have a _____ on the people around us.

What James is saying applies to _____, not just teachers.

Why? Because all of us are in relationships where _____.

Matthew 12.36

James 3.9-12

James sees our words as a kind of _____.

Why? Because our words reveal what is happening _____.

Luke 6.45

We need to recognize that those warning signs are _____.

A challenge for you this week:

- Spend a few moments asking God to help change your heart, rooting out the things that don't need to be there so that it might have more of the qualities described in James 3.17.
- At the end of each day, think back on the ways you used words poorly during the day. Ask God to show you what was going on in your heart that led you to say those things. Then ask Him to start to work in you to change that.
- What is one practical thing you can do this week to create space and time in your life where you can connect with God and allow Him to do His work in you?