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THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS - PART 2

This lesson has excerpts from chapter 2 of the book, *The Power of Your Words*, by Pastor Daugherty.

Your tongue may be very small, but it guides your whole life.

- I. Bridling the tongue.
 - A. James 3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.
 - B. The word perfect in this verse means complete or full of age.
 - C. Webster defines perfect as being entirely without fault or defect; accurate; faithfully reproducing the original; pure; mature.
 - D. A person who has his words under control is a mature believer, able to control his whole body.

- II. Repeated applications of God's Word are needed.
 - A. You must take the promises of God, believe them, confess them, and stand on them in faith until you see them manifested in your life.

- III. Whichever way your tongue goes, you will go.
 - A. James 3:3-5 In these verses your tongue is compared to:
 1. The bit in a horse's mouth.
 2. The rudder on a ship.

- IV. Taking dominion with your words.
 - A. Matthew 18:18 binding and loosing.
 - B. Job 22:28 decree a thing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How have you bridled your tongue?
- How has your tongue guided your life in the past?
- Is your tongue now being used to decree the promises of God?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week write out some promises from God's Word in an area of your life that your tongue had been ruling you and begin to speak them over your life. Make a decision to take dominion with your words.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 141:3 Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.