



Join us next week
as we continue our
sermon on
"Bridge Builders"

There is a bridge across the chasm of all the problems you face. Come and learn how to walk across the bridge to the other side...to peace with your relationships and to peace

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***Bridge-Builders – Sermon #3
Building Bridges With Your Words
James 3:1-12;17,18***

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1. IMPORTANT REASONS TO _____ WHAT YOU SAY. (JAMES 3:1-12)

➤ Your words tell you where you are _____ in life.
SCRIPTURE – **James 3:3,4** *"...we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go."*

➤ Your tongue can _____ the people you love the most.
SCRIPTURE – **James 3:5b,6a** *"...Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body..."*

1. Fire and words under control can give tremendous warmth and light – but fire and words out of control can be _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Proverbs 18:20 Good News** *"You have to live with the consequences of everything you say."*

2. Words can create a chain _____.
SCRIPTURE – **James 3:6** *"... it sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."*

- Your tongue reveals your true _____.

(James 3:9-12)

1. Your tongue reveals _____ in your life.

SCRIPTURE – **James 3:9-10** *"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father and with the same tongue we curse men who've been made in God's likeness. From the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be."*

2. Your tongue betrays what is really going on _____ of you.

SCRIPTURE – **James 3:11,12** *"Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water."*

2. GOOD COMMUNICATION REQUIRES _____.

SCRIPTURE – **James 3:17,18** *"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness."*

- Do you have pure _____? *"...pure..."*
- Are you a _____? *"...peace-loving..."*
- Are you _____? *"...considerate, submissive, full of mercy..."*
- Are you _____? *"...impartial..."*
- Are you _____? *"...sincere..."*

3. BEING A _____ - _____ WITH YOUR WORDS.

- Trust is the _____ of positive communication.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 5:37** *"...simply let your yes be yes and your no, no. Anything beyond this comes from the evil one."*

- Become a good _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalms 116:1** *"I love the Lord because He listens to my prayers for help."*

4. KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER - USE YOUR WORDS TO _____ OTHER PEOPLE.

- You *empower people* when you are _____ with them.

SCRIPTURE – **Proverbs 24:26** *"An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips."*

- You *empower people* when you use _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Luke 5:13** *"Jesus reached out and touched the man and He said, 'Of course I will. Be healed.'" Then the last part of the verse – "... and the leprosy left him immediately."*

- You *empower people* when you ask _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Mark 8:29** Look at how Jesus challenged Peter with a question. Jesus asked of Peter, *"Who do you think I am? and Peter answered, 'You're the Messiah.'" "*

- You *empower people* when you use word _____ to explain God's truth.

SCRIPTURE – **John 3:3** *"Jesus replied, 'With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this. Unless you are born again, you can never get into the kingdom of God.'" "*