

## **HACKING LIFE PART 2: HACKING CONVERSATIONS**

**James 3:1-12 “We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.” (vs. 2 NIV)**

### **WHY MUST I WATCH WHAT I SAY?**

#### **1. MY TONGUE DIRECTS WHERE I GO (VS. 3-4)**

**“When you put bits in the mouth of horses...we can turn the whole animal.” (vs. 3)**

**Slide: Woman on barrel racing horse**

**“Or take ships as an example. Although they are large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.” (vs. 4)**

**Slide: Rudder of Ship**

#### **2. MY TONGUE CAN DESTROY WHAT I HAVE (vs. 5-8)**

**“Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark, the tongue is also like fire...” (vs. 5)**

**“...it sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.” (vs. 6b)**

**Slide: image 1 “Tongue on fire”**

**Slide: image 370C65... of man trying to save his house from fire**

**“ If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you say!” (Proverbs 21:23 GN)**

**“All kinds of animals... have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” (vs. 7-8)**

### **3. MY TONGUE DISPLAYS WHO I AM**

**“Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing, my brothers, this should not be.” (vs. 10)**

**“Can fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ... can a fig tree bear olives or a grapevine bear figs?”**

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### **THE REAL PROBLEM: MY HEART**

**“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.”  
(Matthew 12:34; 15:18-19) Use image of slide\_20 jpg**

### **WHAT’S THE HACK?**

#### **1. GET A NEW HEART**

**“Rid yourself of all offenses you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit!” (Ezekiel 18:31) - Use image with verse written on mans chest**

#### **2. ASK GOD FOR HELP EVERY DAY**

**“Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord: keep watch over the door of my lips.”  
(Psalm 141:3) - Use image of verse written on old door**

#### **3. THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK**

**“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”  
(James 1: 19) for this vs. (Use image of Asian couple back to back)**

**Slide: Before you speak: THINK2 jpg. (Pick the one you like best of the two!**

