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James 3:1-12 – Handout 5/15/09

“Taming the Tongue”

Verses to read on your own:

- Luke 12:35-48; Romans 14:10-13; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Revelation 2:2-5; Proverbs 10:18-20; 11:13; 12:18; 12:19,22; 12:25; 14:29; 15:18; 16:24; 26:18-19; Psalm 9:11; 15:1,3; 19:14; 39:1; 145:11; 1 Corinthians 5:11; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:15; Ephesians 5:20; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 3:9; Matthew 15:11; 1 Timothy 5:1-2; Matthew 12:34-37; Galatians 5:22-24; James 3:17-18

Questions for Personal Reflection:

- 1) After reading James 3:1, how do you feel about teaching the Word of God to others? This can also be read in a sense of judging the actions of others. Read Luke 12:35-48 and Matthew 7. What do these verses encourage you to do?
- 2) Reflect on the past few years of your Christian life. Do you find yourself stumbling less and less? Or do you feel like you are still struggling with the same things? Be encouraged! God is not through with you yet. If you have not accepted Jesus, do so right now! Tomorrow is not promised. He loves you and died for you (Romans 5:8). He is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to Him in repentance (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9). He wants to do a great work in your life right now – but you have to allow Him to come in (Revelation 3:20; John 10:10). If you have already accepted Jesus, His Holy Spirit is still working His perfect work within you (Philippians 1:6; 2:13; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 8:29-30). Recommit your life to Him – James says if we “draw near to God, He will draw near to us” (James 4:8). Let’s draw near to Jesus and fall madly in love with our Lord
- 3) What kind of things do you struggle with the most when it comes to “taming the tongue?” Maybe it is telling “white lies” or gossip? Read Psalm 39:1; Proverbs 10:18-20; Galatians 2:20; 5:16-25; Romans 6:1-14; 8:12-17, 26-27. What is the Lord saying to you personally through these verses?