

# Talking & Trouble

Fierce Loyalty

James 3:2-12

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## What Is James Doing in this Section of “Speech Therapy”?

1. He is **expanding** on something he mentioned previously (cf. 1:19, 26).
2. He is making his point by using **imagery**.
3. He is trying to uncover a **blind spot**, viz. that the way we speak carries little importance.

## A Sequence to Understanding Sinful Speech:

1. Though **small**, the tongue is **powerful** (vv. 2-5a).
2. Since it is **powerful**, the tongue is capable of **destruction** (vv. 5b-8).
3. Such an **unrighteous** tongue in the Christian is an **incoherence** (vv. 9-12).

What is one area of speech I will address?