

RUDDERS - *And* - ROUTES

CHANGE YOUR WORDS AND CHANGE YOUR LIFE

#1 "TURNING YOUR LIFE AROUND"

James 3:2-8

Proverbs 18:21 (Amp) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.

1. Your _____ and _____ shape your life.

- **John 3:7**
- **Psalm 19:14**
- **Jeremiah 1:4-8**

2. Your words are the _____ of your _____.

James 3:2-8 (TPT) We all fail in many areas, but especially with our words. Yet if we're able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and fully developed. Horses have bits and bridles in their mouths so that we can control and guide their large body. And the same with mighty ships, though they are massive and driven by fierce winds, yet they are steered by a tiny rudder at the direction of the person at the helm. And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power! Just think of how a small flame can set a huge forest ablaze. And the tongue is a fire! It can be compared to the sum total of wickedness and is the most dangerous part of our human body.

It corrupts the entire body and is a hellish flame! It releases a fire that can burn throughout the course of human existence. For every wild animal on earth including birds, creeping reptiles, and creatures of the sea and land have all been overpowered and tamed by humans, but the tongue is not able to be tamed. It's a fickle, unrestrained evil that spews out words full of toxic poison!

3. When you change your words, you _____ your _____.

Jeremiah 7:3 (GW) This is what the Lord of Armies, the God of Israel, says: Change the way you live and act, and I will let you live in this place.

4. A turnaround life begins with a _____ tongue.

What if:

- ▶ The person you truly want to be as a follower of Jesus became a reality?
- ▶ The fruit of the Holy Spirit became more of a norm in your life?
- ▶ Fewer things stressed and worried you?
- ▶ Your future was more promising and exciting than it has ever been in your life?
- ▶ Past guilt, shame and pain were healed and you were more wholesome, healthy and whole?
- ▶ Relationships in your life dramatically improved?
- ▶ Your capacity and skills in every area of responsibility in your life increased?
- ▶ You operated your life in faith rather than fear?