

Words that build or burn

James 3:1-12

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What pictures does James use to describe the tongue and its power?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

Which of your words at home this past week built someone up, and which ones burned?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

What is one word you need to say — or take back — in your home this week: an apology, a thank you, an encouragement?

4. Who will I tell?

Who could you talk with about the power words carry inside a house?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

★ Pray

God, my tongue can bless and it can burn — and home is where it shows first. Tame my words and make them a spring of fresh water.



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