

## ***Gossip***

Acceptable Sins - Week 6

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### **1. The tongue is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 3:3-5a "When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts."*

### **2. The tongue is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 3:5b-8 "Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison."*

*Proverbs 26:20-22 "Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down. <sup>21</sup> As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife. <sup>22</sup> The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts."*

### **3. The tongue can \_\_\_\_\_**

**a more severe \_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 3:9-12 "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water."*

*James 1:26 "Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless."*

### **4. Only \_\_\_\_\_**

**can tame the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*James 3:17-18 "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness."*

### **What Now?**

*The Daily Tongue Check*

***Psalm 103:8,11-12 "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."***