

# LIFE & DEATH

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

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# Lesson 1

# The Power of the Tongue: One Small Match

# Everybody Has Sinned with the Tongue

- James 3:2

# Everybody Has Been Controlled by the Tongue

- **James 3:2b–4**
- **The Tongue Is Powerful**
  - James 3:3–5
- **The Tongue Is Inherently Evil**
  - James 3:6

# **The Tongue Can Be Very Destructive**

- **James 3:5–6**

# The Tongue Is Hard to Tame

- James 3:7–8
- It Is Unstable
- It Is Poisonous

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## Lesson 2

# Lying: Fuel to the Fire

# **Lying Betrays the Character of God**

- **John 14:6**

# **Lying Breaks a Command of God**

- **Exodus 20:16**
- **Acts 5:1–11**

What happened to Ananias and Sapphira when they lied?

What does this story teach us today?

# **Lying Associates You with the Enemy of God**

- **John 8:44**

# **Lying Destroys Your Relationship with God**

- **Colossians 3:1–17**

There are instances in the Bible when people such as Abraham (Gen. 12 & 20) and Rahab (Josh. 2) told lies.

Both of them are listed in Hebrews 11 as people of tremendous faith.

Is it right to lie in certain situations?

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## Lesson 3

# Complaining: Three-Alarm Fire

**Complainers Persistently  
Find Fault**

# Profiles in Complaining

- Egypt—“Leave us alone.”
- Red Sea—“We are going to die.”
- Marah—“What are we going to drink?”
- Desert of Sin—“Meat! We want meat.”

# Profiles in Complaining

- Rephidim—“Where is God?”
- Sinai—“Where is Moses?”
- Kadesh Barnea—“We’re thirsty.”

# **Complainers Exaggerate the Truth**

- **Exodus 16:3**

# **Complainers Exasperate Authority**

- **Numbers 20:6–11**

# **Complainers Lack Faith in God**

- **Numbers 20:3**

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Lesson 4

# Mocking: Out of Control

# Mocking Reveals Your Immaturity

- **Nehemiah 4:1–3**

# **Mocking Reveals Your Insecurity**

- **Nehemiah 2:10, 19**

# Mocking Reveals Your Lack of Integrity

- Nehemiah 4:7–8

# **Mocking Reveals Your Insensitivity**

- **Nehemiah 1:4–11; 2:17–19**

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Lesson 5

# Changing: Grab a Bucket

# **Understand the Importance of a Pure Heart**

- **Ephesians 5:1, 3**

# Identify Your Heart Problem

- Ephesians 5:4

# Be Filled with the Spirit

- **Ephesians 5:18**
- **He Must Put Off Sin**
  - Ephesians 4:22
- **He Must Renew His Mind**
  - Ephesians 4:23

# **Be Filled with the Spirit**

- **He Must Put on Righteousness**
  - Ephesians 4:24

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