



**Mt HOLLY**  
Baptist Church  
**Sermon Series Outline**

***Our Words Matter!***  
**James 3:1-12**

**Introduction:** Matthew 12:36-37 – “*And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*”

Which is correct in interpreting Scripture?

R – reason

E – experience      Or    Scripture upon Scripture

S – Scripture

T – tradition

Proverbs 10:1, “the mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.” James explains in our text.

I. The Preparation of the Heart for Wholesome Communication. [Matthew 15:18-19](#);  
Romans 13-11-14 – details our preparation for the day.

- Wake-up – v11
- Get-up – vv12-13
- Dress-up v14

II. The Power of Words Give Life or Death –

[James 3:1-12](#) (The tongues power)

- Dutiful preacher’s works and words – v1
- Directs – vv2-5
- Destroys – vv6-8
- Duality of the tongue: Destroys and Delights - vv9-12

III. The Six Biblical Principles to Handle the Power of Words to Glorify God.

1. Spirit-led Speech – I Corinthians 2:12-13
2. Slow in Speech – James 1:19
3. Salty Seasoned Speech – Colossians 4:6
4. Sunset Speech – Ephesians 4:26-27
5. Sweet Speech – Ephesians 4:29-32
6. Sincere Speech – Proverbs 27:6a

The Takeaway: Are my words a fountain of life?