

UGLY Christmas SWEATER

UGLY WORDS

Part 2 of 4 /James 3:3-12

December 8, 2024 – Nate Marsh

Words carry meaning, and how and when we use them matters.

1. **OUR WORDS HOLD** _____.

- Proverbs 18:21
- JAMES 3:3-6

2. **TAME YOUR** _____.

- JAMES 3:7 (NLT)
- We can only do it with help. We need the Spirit of God to empower us.
 1. Will what I am about to say honor God?
 2. Will what I am about to say honor the person I am saying it to?
 3. Will what I am about to say be something I will regret?
- JAMES 3:9-12

You cannot say you love God while cursing people he has created in His image.

3. **SPEAK FROM YOUR** _____.

- Luke 6:45

Words carry meaning, and how and when we use them matters.

APPLICATION POINT - Take a moment and let the Lord bring one person to mind who could benefit from your encouragement (words). Pick up the phone, send a text, write a letter, invite someone out for coffee. Make time this week to follow through with the person God brings to your mind.

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. Why are our words so difficult to control?
2. It's easier to wreck a Christian witness than it is to build one up. How do our words come into play with this concept?
3. We all have past traumas, hurts, and storms we go through in life. How does what you go through influence the words you have?
4. Why is working on our thoughts an essential first step before we work on using our words?
5. How does how we speak to others change when we realize that everyone (including our enemies) is made in the image of God?