

PRACTICAL faith

Lessons from the book of James









RUDDER



James and the Troublesome Tongue:

James 1:26; 2:12;
3:5, 6(2x), 8; 4:11; 5:12

With a total of 8 references to the tongue, obviously James is concerned with how we are using our tongues.



A black and white photograph showing a dirt road curving through a dense forest. The trees are tall and closely packed, their branches bare or sparsely needled. The lighting creates strong shadows and highlights on the tree trunks and the uneven surface of the path.

James 3:1-12

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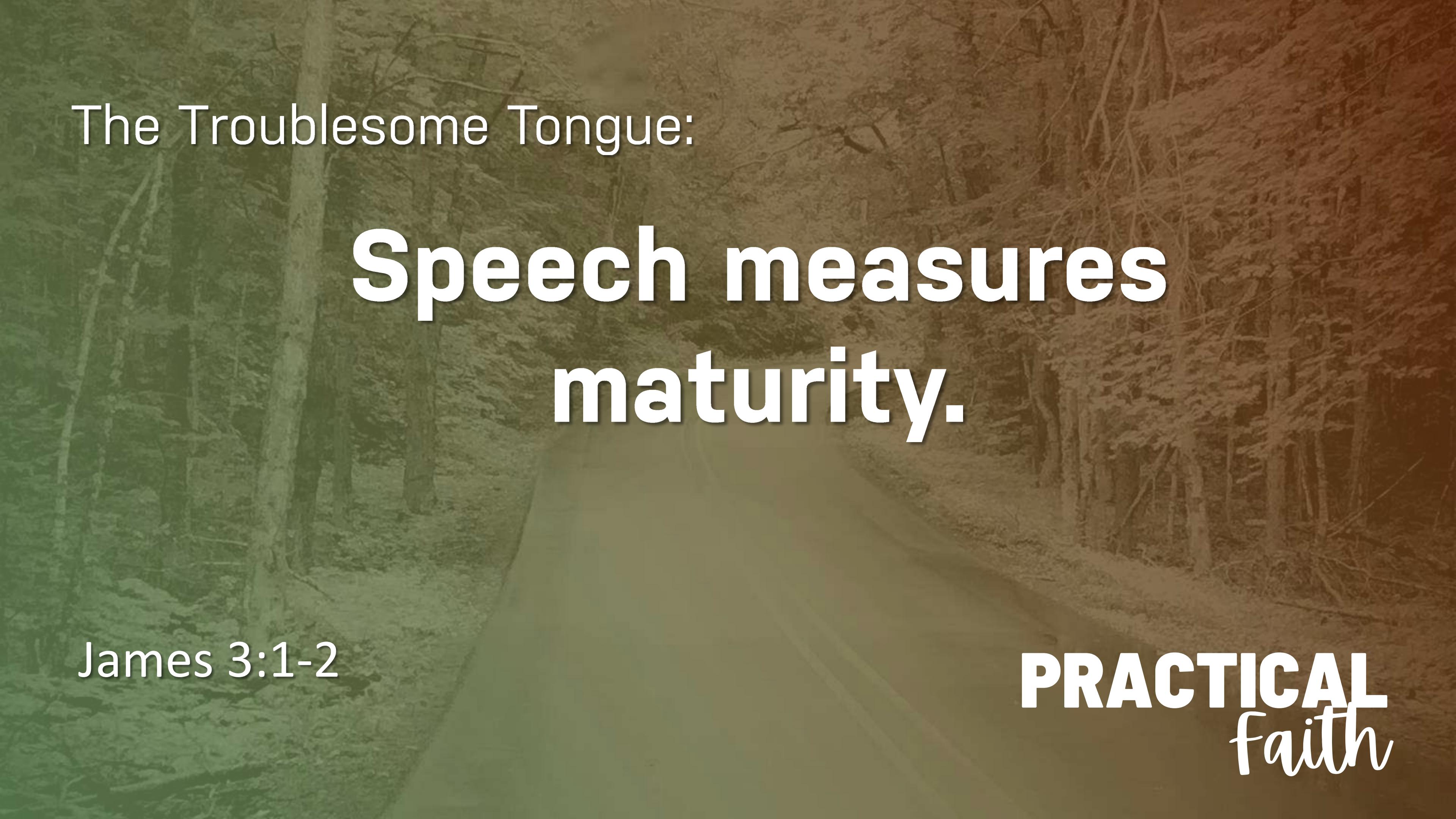
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Theme of James:

Genuine faith
leads to action.

Beware of the power
of your tongue.

How?



The Troublesome Tongue:

Speech measures maturity.

James 3:1-2

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The Troublesome Tongue:

Speech has a
disproportionate impact.

James 3:3-5

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The Troublesome Tongue:

**Speech can destroy and
kill others and yourself.**

James 3:6-8

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Sins of the tongue?

- Lying Tongue
- Flattering Tongue
- Proud Tongue
- Overused Tongue
- Backbiting Tongue
- Gossiping Tongue
- Cursing Tongue
- Harsh Tongue
- Silent Tongue

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Beware of the power
of your tongue.

Your Challenge:

Do an inventory of your tongue.

Guard your heart.

Entrust your tongue to the Holy Spirit.

Beware of the
power of your tongue!