

Deacon's Beacons

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For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. James 3:7–9

We probably sin more with our tongues than with our hands. The tongue is an incredibly powerful weapon. The old children's saying about sticks and stones cannot be farther from the truth. Words can hurt. Words can cause more pain and more trauma than any physical injury. As James points out, the absurdity is that we praise God with our tongues and then we attack and demean and injure our neighbor with that same tongue. If we are doing the latter with our tongues, why would we think that the former would be pleasing to God?

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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