

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – AUGUST 15, 2010
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TITLE: “The Deadliest Member of Society”

TEXT: James 3:1-13

INTRODUCTION: The murderer with a knife or gun is not the deadliest member of society ... that distinction belongs to the person who cannot (or will not) control his tongue!

Two questions to ask today

I: WHY DID GOD GIVE US THIS POWERFUL LITTLE MEMBER?

Not to

1. Tear down others
2. Blaspheme

He gave us the tongue to

1. Communicate constructively with our fellowmen
2. Praise God

II: WHY THE STRUGGLE WITH THIS LITTLE MEMBER?

1. The natural tendency ... to speak out
2. In the heart ... out the mouth!
3. Don't take the 2nd Commandment seriously

A friend's bulletin in Arizona brought with it A COMPLAINING PERMIT. This enabled anyone to complain about their church. They had to answer in the affirmative to six requirements to be a certified church complainer. They could then gripe about anything and everything.

1. I attend all the regular services of my church
2. I pray daily for my ministers, deacons and teachers
3. I see to it that my children take an active part in all activities designed for them in my church
4. I volunteer for, gladly accept, and enthusiastically carry out all jobs and offices I have in church
5. I visit regularly for my church, both the saved and unsaved, and try to help with spiritual needs
6. I give at least a tithe of all my income

A place for a signature was at the bottom of the list, affirming fulfillment of all requirements.