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*Matthew 5:41

⁴¹Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

● **AGGAREUO**- Press into S_____.

How do we respond when someone robs us of our cherished freedom to do what we want to do when we want to do it?

How do we handle that first mile? After that first mile is done, how do we handle the second mile?

● The second mile tests our C_____.

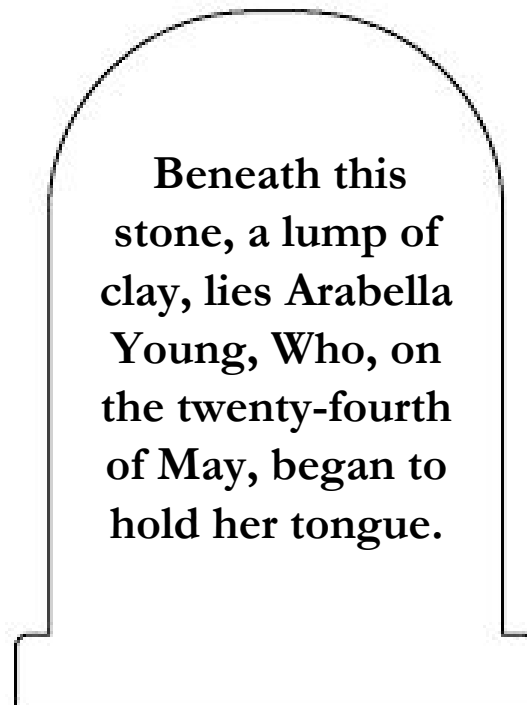
Jesus taught His followers that Kingdom character dictates that we turn retaliation into opportunities for redemption.

“The first blow was of his malice, the second blow will be of your love, and this will set new looms at work within his heart, weaving the fabric of a new life.”- FB Meyer.

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*If your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care;
To whom you speak, of whom you speak;
And how, and when and where.*

-Williams Norris



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“As you go through life you are going to have many opportunities to keep your mouth shut. Take advantage of all of them.” – James Dent

INSIGHTS FROM JAMES CHAPTER 3

●The tongue is P_____.

*James 3:3-6

³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts.

●The tongue is D_____.

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.....*Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

●The tongue C_____.

●James is saying that an evil tongue is set of fire by S_____himself.

●James says that all such sins have their O_____ in the pit of hell.

***James 3:7-8**

⁷*All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

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“THE RESTLESS EVIL”



● James **DOES NOT** say that the tongue is U_____.

● The Tongue is I_____.

*James 3:9-12

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

● There is no M_____ ground when it comes to one’s speech.

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*Matthew 6:24

²⁴ *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

●The key is knowing how to use our speech P_____.

*Proverbs 18:21 ESV

²¹ *Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

²¹ *The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences. NLT*

²¹ *Words kill, words give life;
they’re either poison or fruit—you choose. THE MESSAGE*

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The Origin of Our Words

● Words aren't B on our tongues.

*Luke 6:45

⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

*Matthew 12:34

³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

● The mouth speaks what the heart has S.

*Proverbs 4:23

²³ "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life."

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- Words are never A_____.

***Colossians 3:1-3**

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

***Colossians 3:8-10**

⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

- A new man has a new M_____.

***Ephesians 4:22-24**

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²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

***Ephesians 4:29**

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

● The mouth is the truest of the spiritual condition of a person.

● An unredeemed mouth is the gate through which D exits.

1. TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST.

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***2 Corinthians 10:5**

⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

2. WALK DAILY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

***Galatians 5:25**

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

***Ezekiel 36:26-27**

²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

3. RENEW YOUR MIND BY MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE.

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***Romans 12:2**

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

***Psalms 119:11**

*¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.*

4. MEMORIZE JAMES 1:19-20.

⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

5. MEMORIZE EPHESIANS 4:29.

²⁹ Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].