

# **Week Three**

## **Not Malicious Gossips**

### **1 Timothy 3:11**

1. Read James Chapter 3. The key word in this passage is “tongue”. What is it capable of doing and to what is the tongue compared?

The Tongue

Capable of:

Compared to:

2. Verse 8 says that “no one can tame the tongue; it is restless evil and full of deadly poison.” Then what are we to do? Give practical steps for controlling the tongue.

John 15:5

Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 6:18

Psalm 141:1-3

**James 4:7-8**

**Can we discipline the tongue without prayer? Explain your answer**

- 3. Define “malicious” using a dictionary.**
  
- 4. The very word used to describe malicious talk, gossip and slander is the very word used to describe Satan. From John 8:44, what is his character like?**

**From Genesis 3:5, what did he do?**

**From Revelation 12:9, what does he do?**

**From John 6:70, who else was called by this name? Why?**

**What are your thoughts?**

- 5. Read Numbers 26:59 and Exodus 1:15-2:10. Who was Miriam?**
  
- 6. What character traits are seen in her as a young girl?**

**Read Micah 6:3-4 and Exodus 15:19-21. What prominent place did Miriam hold among the people? Who did she lead in Exodus 15:20?**

**Read Numbers 12. What tragic blot is on Miriam's career? What sins were brewing in her heart? (See Matthew 15:18-19.)**

**Who exposed Miriam's sin? \_\_\_\_\_ What steps did He take to stop what was going on?**

**How did her sin affect others?**

**What could Aaron have done differently? What responsibility do we have to help each other mature in this area of our lives. See James 3:9-10, can you make personal applications from Miriam's life?**

- 7. If there is reason to communicate negative information about someone, how should it be handled according to the Bible?**

**Matthew 18:15-17**

**1 Timothy 5:1-2**

**1 Timothy 5:19**

- 8. What can you learn from the following verses that can help you with your tongue?**

**Philippians 2:3-4**

**Romans 12:3**

**Matthew 12:36**

**Colossians 4:16**

**Ephesians 4:29-32**