"Respectable" Sins – Finale Week

Envy and Jealousy

Do you see a difference between envy and jealousy? If so, how would you describe that distinction? In what area(s) are you most likely tempted to become envious or jealous?

Read Gen 37:5-11; I Sam 18:6-9; Luke 15:25-30 and Acts 13:45; What do these passages identify as common sources of temptation for envy or jealousy? Do these passages excuse envy or jealousy? Why or why not?

What do the following verses reveal as the outcome of envy and jealousy?
Ecclesiastes 4:4   Song of Solomon 8:6   James 3:16

Read Gen 50:19-20 and Luke 15:31; What must we realize in order to have victory over the sin of envy and jealousy?

Sins of the Tongue

Read James 3:3-6 What three things does James use as comparisons to your tongue? How do those three things compare with each other?

Which of the following would you consider to be a sin?
Lying, Critical Speech, Harsh Words, Profanity, Insults, Sarcasm, Gossip, Ridicule, Joking

Read Eph 4:29 What does God's Word prohibit in this verse? What does God's Word command in this verse? Having read this verse, would you reconsider any responses to the list above?

Read Luke 6:43-45 What does Jesus use as an example of the impact of the marks of our speech? How does that example make you feel about what others hear you say? What does Jesus identify as the source of the words we speak?

What do the following verses point us toward as a defense against the sins of the tongue?
Psalm 19:14   Psalm 119:11   Eph 4:22-24   Col 3:8-10

The Final

1) **Apart from Christ, what is the condition of all mankind?**   _____

2) **What is the only remedy for that condition?**   _____

3) **What two commands did Jesus use to summarize God's law?** _____ & _____

4) **Which two sins directly break each of Jesus two commands?** _____ & _____

5) **What sin(s) do you believe God views as acceptable, excusable, or "Respectable?** _____