



The Puffer Fish



The King Cobra



### The Australian Funnel-Web Spider



The Poison Dart Frog



The Box Jellyfish



#### James 3:8-12



## POISONOUS & BITTER TONGUES

#### **James 3:7-8**

Representatives of every animal kind have been "tamed" (which means, "subdued or brought under control")

## No one, left to our own ability and power, is able to tame the tongue



"Restless" = does NOT rest; unruly; unable to be held back, fickle and inconsistent (never stays in submission); unstable

What we are dealing with requires God to do an incredible work. We CAN'T fix or control our tongues, we need help

#### James 3:9-10

With our mouths, we exalt and sing praises to God, but that SAME mouth gossips, slanders and lies (it tears down other people)

# How contradictory and confusing are Christians that communicate inconsistently (the world is watching)

In the Greek, it is emphatically written (in the strongest possible way), believers MUST reject and run from this type of split tongue

James 3:11-12

### When our lives are bumped by trials, what spills out?

Galatians 5:22-26



If we live by the Spirit (if we possess genuine and authentic faith) then we should walk and talk by the Spirit as well

# The picture of the fountain is one that bursts and gushes out water (this is NOT a small trickle) it's in constant flow

## Heart change MUST proceed mouth change!

