

THE TONGUE

- ◉ James 3:1-12
- ◉ 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring can yield both salt water and fresh.

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- Ps 39:1 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me
- James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
- Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

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- Prov 26:18-19 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"
- 1 Peter 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.
- 1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

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- Matt 12:33-37
- 33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

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- ◉ Prov 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.
- ◉ Prov 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
- ◉ Prov 29:11 A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.
- ◉ Prov 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

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- ⦿ 1 Tim 5:13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.
- ⦿ Prov 25:23 The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
- ⦿ Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

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- ◉ Dangers of the tongue
- ◉ Lying
- ◉ Slander
- ◉ Cursing
- ◉ Tearing down others
- ◉ Gossip
- ◉ Backbiting
- ◉ Sowing seeds of discord
- ◉ Boasting
- ◉ Negativity



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- ◉ A Bad Temper And Hammering Nails
- ◉ There was a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out, it won't matter how many times you say "I'm sorry," the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."
- ◉ author unknown

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- ⦿ Positive use of the tongue
- ⦿ Encouraging one another
- ⦿ Teaching others, confessing wrong
- ⦿ Being thankful, prayer, singing praise to God
- ⦿ “Please”, “Thank you”, “Your welcome”
- ⦿ Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.
- ⦿ Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

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- ⦿ Eph 4:29-32 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

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- ◉ Conclusion:
- ◉ Realize the dangers of the tongue
- ◉ Think before you speak
- ◉ Think about how one receives what we say
- ◉ When we make a mistake....correct it
- ◉ We cannot take back our words once we say them
- ◉ Use of tongue in a positive way

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- Matt 12:36-37 “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

