

Taming the Tongue

Proverbs 21:23 *“Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.”*

Ephesians 4:29 *“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.”*

Proverbs 15:1 *“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”*

Proverbs 12:18 *“There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”*

James 3:2-10 *“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 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. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.”*

Psalm 34:13 *“Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.”*

Psalm 141:3 *“Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!”*

James 1:26 *“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.”*

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Proverbs 17:28 *“Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.”*

1 Peter 3:10 *For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;”*

Proverbs 18:21 *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”*

Proverbs 15:4 *“A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.”*

Matthew 12:33-37 *“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. 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 good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

James 3:10 *“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”*

Matthew 15:11 *“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”*

Proverbs 10:19 *“When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.”*

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Titus 3:2 *"To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people."*

Psalm 52:2 *"Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit."*

James 3:1-18 *"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 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. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ..."*

Proverbs 17:9 *"Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends."*

Psalm 37:30 *"The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice."*

Proverbs 26:20 *"For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases."*

Ecclesiastes 3:7 *"A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak;"*

Exodus 14:14 *"The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*