

Taming the Tongue

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**“In a multitude of
words, sin is
unavoidable, but
he who restrains
his lips is wise.”**

Prov. 10:19 (NKJV)

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**“Don’t talk too
much, for it
fosters sin. Be
sensible and turn
off the flow.”**

Prov. 10:19 (NLT)

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**An Untamed
Tongue Needs
Positive Control**

James 3:1-5

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**The Unbridled Horse--
Wild
The Undirected Ship--
Adrift
The Undetected Spark--
Dangerous**

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**An Untamed
Tongue is a
Destructive
Weapon
James 3:6-8**

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“It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that.

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“By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony into chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in

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“smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell. This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can’t tame a tongue -- it’s never done.

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“The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer.”

**James 3:6-8
(The Message)**

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Gossip**

“He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.” Prov. 20:19

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Flattery**

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Criticism**

**“There is one who speaks like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health.”
Proverbs 12:18**

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Criticism**

**“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”
Proverbs 26:6**

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Lying**

“Put away from you a deceitful mouth, let perverse lips be put far from you.” Proverbs 4:24

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Destructive Forces of the Tongue:

- **Abuse**

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

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**An Untamed
Tongue Reveals a
Deceptive Heart

James 3:12**

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**“For out of the
abundance of the
heart the mouth
speaks.”**

Matthew 12:34

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**Faith and Works
James 2:14**

**Faith and Words
James 3:10**

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**An Untamed
Tongue Requires
Some Active
Measures**

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**Recognize the Source
of the Problem = Heart**

**“That if you confess with
your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your
heart that God has raised
Him from the dead
you will be saved.**

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**Recognize the Source
of the Problem = Heart**

**“For with the heart man
believes unto
righteousness and with the
mouth confession is
made unto salvation.”
Romans 10:9-10**

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Request God's Help

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

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"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

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Reflect on What You Say

**"The heart of the wise studies how to answer but the mouth of fools pours forth wicked things."
Proverbs 15:28**

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T-H-I-N-K

TTrue?

HHonest?

IImportant?

NNecessary?

KKind?

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Remember You are Accountable to God

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."

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Remember You are Accountable to God

**"For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned."
Matthew 12:36-37**

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