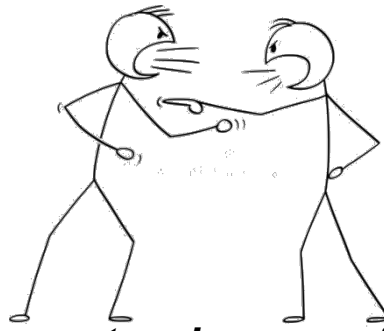


Taming The Tongue

JAMES 3:3-12



The Quantity of Our Speech

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Matthew 7:2 NIV

2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Proverbs 17:27-28 NIV

27 The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.

Proverbs 13:3 NIV

3 Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

Colossians 4:6 NIV

6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Isaiah 53:7 NIV

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; Romans 3:10

The Quality of Our Speech

2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

Matthew 15:11-14

11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

The "Tongue" refers to the unsubmitted carnal words we speak. In Proverbs 18:21 the Bible states "The Power of life and death are in the tongue". The tongue can be a vessel of God or a Fire from Hell.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

God put three locks on the tongue. Jaws to close it in. Teeth the bar it down and Lips to seal it up and it still gets out.

Conjunction

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

