

# TAMING THE TONGUE

James 3:1-12

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# Does it matter what I say?

Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 13:3

Proverbs 18:21

James 1:19 & 1:26

“If we do not keep a tight rein on our tongues, then our religion is worthless!”

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## 3 Truths About The Tongue:

- Powerful (vs 3-5)
- Extremely Dangerous (vs 6-8)
- Inconsistent (9-12)

How do we deal with these realities?

# Description Of A Godly Tongue

Ephesians 4:29 “unwholesome talk”

Improper Uses:

- Avoid Profanity and Negative Speech
- Arguing/Complaining (Phil 2:14,15)
- Gossip/Slander (Prov 20:19)
- Lying (Rev 21:8)

# Description Of A Godly Tongue

Ephesians 4:29 “Build others up”

Proper Uses:

- Prayer, Praise, Worship, Thanksgiving
- Share faith and Christ
- Build others up and Encourage

# Strategies To Control Our Tongues

**\*We all control our tongues (sometimes)**

**Plan of attack:**

- Pray, pray and pray for God's help**
- Be slow to speak -> maybe even not at all**
- Might be a heart problem (Mt 12:34-37)**
- Remember we will meet our words ^^**