

James 1:26 (NLT)

If you claim to be religious but don't control
your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and
your religion is worthless.

James 3:3-4 (NLT)

We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. [4] And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

James 3:5-6 (NLT)

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.

[6] And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

NO ONE can TAME the Tongue?

James 3:3-12

Once the words are SAID
they cannot be UN-SAID
they may be FORGIVEN but some
words are NEVER forgotten.

Words of hate, prejudice, slander,
jealousy, and envy seem to come
from the very lake of fire where
Satan will be punished.

→ The Tongue is **SMALL** but has
a Huge **IMPACT**

> Our **WORDS** mean things -
what we **SAY** matters

Matthew 15:18-19 (NLT)

But **the words you speak COME from the HEART** - that's what **defiles you**.

For **from the HEART COME** evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, **LYING**, and **SLANDER**.

Matthews 12:34 (NIV)

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of the **HEART** the mouth speaks.

>The Mouth Speaks
what is **IN** the **HEART**

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WHAT we say and
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James does not say **NO ONE**
can tame the tongue, **but NO MAN:**
so that **when it IS tamed**
we **confess** that this is
brought about by the **mercy,**
help, and the **grace** of **God.**

Augustine

PRAISING our Lord and Father is the
best activity of the tongue, whereas
CURSING those made in His image
is one of the worst, because it is an
implied curse on God himself.

→ Every human being is **MADE**
in the **IMAGE** of God

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

So God **CREATED** man in **HIS** own
IMAGE, in the image of God **HE** created
him; male and female **HE** created them.

Galatians 4:4-5 (NET)

...God sent out His Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, **to REDEEM** those
who were under the law,
so that we may be
ADOPTED as sons with full rights.

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What **SHOULD** we **DO** when we Sin with **OUR** Words?

- **Confess** it to **GOD**

1 Jn. 1:9 (NIV) If we **CONFESS** our sins, **HE** is **faithful** and **just** and **will forgive** us our sins and **PURIFY** us from all unrighteousness.

- **Confess it to the PERSON**

Matt. 5:23-24 (NLT) So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that **someone has something against you, [24]** leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. **Go and be RECONCILED to that person...**

- **Ask God to GUARD our WORDS**

Psalms 141:3 (NIV) **Set a guard** over my mouth, **O LORD**; **keep watch** over the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3 (NLT) **Take control of what I say**, O LORD, and keep my lips sealed.

- **Ask God to CHANGE our HEART**

Psalms 51:10 (NIV) **Create** in me a **pure heart**,
O God, and **renew a steadfast** spirit within me.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Do not **LET** any **UNWHOLESOME** talk
come out of your mouths, but **only what is**
helpful for **building others up** according
to their **needs**, that it may **benefit those**
who listen.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (NIV)

And do **not GRIEVE** the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed** for the day of **redemption**.

[31] **Get rid of ALL** bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be **kind and compassionate** to one another, **FORGIVING each other**, just as in Christ God forgave you.

WORDS are POWERFUL before Speaking ask...

- Is it **True?**
- Is it **Kind?**
- Is it **Necessary?**
- Does it **Build Up?**
- Does it **Refresh?**
- Does it **Honor God?**

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May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day;
By Your love and Power controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I Triumph
Only through Your Power

May the Peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and Sorrowing