



Overcoming the Tongue

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! James 3:5

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. James 3:9-10

ME AND
MY

BIG

M



OUTH



Me and my big mouth! I'd get rid of
it, only it's such a handy place to
keep my teeth.

— *Jimmy Durante* —

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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. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

James 3:5-6



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*It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
With the tongue we praise our Lord and
Father, and with it we curse men,
who have been made in God's likeness.
From the same mouth come blessing and
cursing. My brothers, these things ought
not to be so.*

James 3:8-10



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*But you have dishonored the poor man.
Are not the rich the ones who oppress you,
and the ones who drag you into court?
Are they not the ones who blaspheme the
honorable name by which you were called?
James 2:6-7*



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Do not speaking evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

James 4:11



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

James 3:9-12

Before You Speak THINK

T - *Is it True?*

H - *Is it Helpful?*

I - *Is it Inspiring?*

N - *Is it Necessary?*

K - *Is it Kind?*

Before You Speak THINK

T - *Is it True?*

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart.

Psalms 15:2

H - *Is it Helpful?*

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 4:29

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I - *Is it Inspiring?*

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess. 5:11

N – *Is it Necessary?*

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

James 1:19-20

Before You Speak THINK

K – *Is it Kind?*

A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Kind words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:23-24