

## THE TONGUE

James 3:5-6

Tongue: A fleshy movable muscular process of the floor of the mouth, of the vertebrates that bears sensory end organs and smell glands and functions especially in taking and swallowing food and in humans as a speech organ. "The power of communication through speech"

\* See without the tongue there is no talking. All we will be able to say is (um um) no words. Then no one could hear the confusion and the messiness that comes out of the mouth. The tongue will make us hurt people's feelings and know it. But we don't care sometimes who we hurt. Some will say you make me mad I will give you a piece of my mind; we don't have much anyway so we need to keep the little we do have and use it wisely.

### 1. James 3:5-6

A. Even so the tongue is little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth ! And the tongue is a fire , a world of iniquity : so is the tongue among our members , that it defileth the whole body , and setteth on fire the course of nature ; and it is set on fire of hell .

B. It is the same with our tongue. It is a small part of the body, but it boast about doing great things. A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame. The tongue is like a fire. It is a world of evil among the parts of our body. How? The tongue spreads its evil through our whole body. It starts a fire that influences all of life. The tongue gets this fire from hell.

### 2. Proverbs 4:24

A. Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

B. Don't bend the truth and say things that are not right. Don't tell lies.

### 3. Psalm 39:1

A. I said , I will take heed to my ways , that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle , while the wicked is before me .

B. I will be careful about the things I say. I will not let my tongue cause me to sin. I will keep my mouth closed \* when I am around wicked people

\* Sometimes when **Christians** are around (**non Christians**) we tend to act like them be careful

#### 4. Ecclesiastes 3:7

A. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

B. There is a time to tear cloth, and there is a time to sew it. There is a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

#### 5. Ephesians 4:29

A. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

B. When you talk, don't say any bad things. But say things that people need - things that will help other people become stronger. Then the things you say will help the people who listen to you.

\* There is nothing good in talking bad about somebody

#### 6. Colossians 3:8

A. But now ye also put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

B. But now put these things out of your life: anger being very mad, doing or saying things to hurt other people, and using evil words when you talk.

#### 7. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

A. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

B. So encourage each other and make each other stronger in faith and you are doing that now.

#### 8. Titus 1:10

A. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision;

B. There are many people who refuse to obey - people who talk about worthless things and lead other people into the wrong way. I am talking mostly about those people who say that all non-Jewish people must be circumcised.

\* The things that we talk about sometimes, is it helping anyone?

#### 9. James 1:26

A. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man religion is vain

B. You might think you are religious (good). But if you say things you should not say, then you are fooling yourself. "Your religion" is worth nothing.

10. 1 Peter 3:10

A. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

B. The scripture says, if a person wants to enjoy life and to have many good days, that person must stop speaking evil and stop telling lies

\* See we can write a book concerning everybody else on what they are doing, we could write a better book if we write one on ourselves.

\* Hope today that I have said something that will help each and every one of us to bridle our tongue (to control it) it's a time and a place for everything.

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

**Hear** the word, **Believe** what you have heard, **Repent**, **Confess** and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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Sermon

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