

James 3 - Controlling the Tongue Pt.3

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Sins of the Tongue:

- *Gossip, Talebearing*
- *Busybody, Meddler*
- *Criticism, Slander, Condemnation*
- *Debate, Contention, Strife*
- *Lies, Deceit*
- *Manipulation, Control - flattery, intimidation, coercion*
- *Enticement, Temptation*
- *Boasting, Arrogance*
- *Grumbling, Complaining*

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND THE TONGUE

James 3:1-2

1 My brethren, **BE NOT MANY MASTERS** (*teachers*), knowing that **WE SHALL RECEIVE THE GREATER CONDEMNATION.**

2 **FOR IN MANY THINGS WE OFFEND ALL.** If any man offend not in word, **THE SAME IS A PERFECT MAN,** and able also to bridle the whole body.

THE TONGUE CONTROLS YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

James 3:3-4

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and **WE TURN ABOUT THEIR WHOLE BODY.**

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, **YET ARE THEY TURNED ABOUT WITH A VERY SMALL HELM, WHITHERSOEVER THE GOVERNOR LISTETH.**

Proverbs 18:20–21

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; And with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 **DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE:** And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Luke 6:43-45

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 **FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY HIS OWN FRUIT.** For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 **A GOOD MAN OUT OF THE GOOD TREASURE OF HIS HEART BRINGETH FORTH THAT WHICH IS GOOD;** and **AN EVIL MAN OUT OF THE EVIL TREASURE OF HIS HEART BRINGETH FORTH THAT WHICH IS EVIL:** **FOR OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART HIS MOUTH SPEAKETH.**

1 Peter 3:8–12

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 **NOT RENDERING EVIL FOR EVIL**, or **RAILING FOR RAILING**: but contrariwise **BLESSING**; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 **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** (*dolos - bait, craft, deceit*):

11 **LET HIM ESCHEW EVIL**, and **DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE, AND ENSUE** (*diōkō; to put to flight, pursue, by impl. to persecute:*) **IT**.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

THE TONGUE CAN PRODUCE INCOMPREHENSIBLE DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION

- *igniting the most carnal appetites*
- *inflicting the deepest of wounds and scars spiritually, psychologically and emotionally*
- *causing someone to give up*
- *invoking the most passionate rage, hatred and violence*
- *destroying reputations and relationships*
- *initiating a destructive chain of events*
- *releasing or activating demonic activity and powers*

James 3:5-8

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, **HOW GREAT A MATTER A LITTLE FIRE KINDLETH!**

6 **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.**

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 **BUT THE TONGUE CAN NO MAN TAME; IT IS AN UNRULY EVIL** (*evil without restraint*), **FULL OF DEADLY POISON.**

Psalms 140:1-3

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; **CONTINUALLY ARE THEY GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WAR.**

ESV "who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually."

3 **THEY HAVE SHARPENED THEIR TONGUES LIKE A SERPENT; ADDERS' POISON IS UNDER THEIR LIPS.**
Selah.

Psalm 57:4

"My soul is among lions: And I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, **WHOSE TEETH ARE SPEARS AND ARROWS, AND THEIR TONGUE A SHARP SWORD.**"

Proverbs 18:8

"The words of a TALEBEARER (*murmur, whisper, criticize, slander*) **ARE AS WOUNDS**, and they go down **INTO THE INNERMOST PARTS OF THE BELLY.**"

Proverbs 12:18

"**THERE IS THAT SPEAKETH LIKE THE PIERCINGS OF A SWORD: BUT THE TONGUE OF THE WISE IS HEALTH.**"

Proverbs 10:11-18

11 The mouth of a righteous man **IS A WELL OF LIFE**: but **VIOLENCE COVERETH THE MOUTH OF THE WICKED.**

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and **HE THAT UTTERETH A SLANDER, IS A FOOL.**

1 Corinthians 15:33

"Be not deceived: **EVIL COMMUNICATIONS CORRUPT GOOD MANNERS.**"

2 Timothy 2:16–18

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for **THEY WILL INCREASE UNTO MORE UNGODLINESS.**

17 And **THEIR WORD WILL EAT** (*to graze*) **AS DOTH A CANKER** (*eating sore, gangrene*): of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and **OVERTHROW THE FAITH OF SOME.**

Galatians 5:14–16

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 **BUT IF YE BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE HEED THAT YE BE NOT CONSUMED ONE OF ANOTHER.**

16 This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and **ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

James 3:9-16

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 **OUT OF THE SAME MOUTH PROCEEDETH BLESSING AND CURSING.** My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 **DOTH A FOUNTAIN SEND FORTH AT THE SAME PLACE SWEET WATER AND BITTER?**

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 **BUT IF YE HAVE BITTER** (*bitter, harsh*) **ENVYING** (*contentious rivalry, jealousy, the fierceness of indignation*) **AND STRIFE** (*selfish ambition, contention, disputes*) **IN YOUR HEARTS, GLORY NOT, AND LIE NOT AGAINST THE TRUTH.**

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is **EARTHLY, SENSUAL, DEVILISH.**

16 **FOR WHERE ENVYING AND STRIFE IS, THERE IS CONFUSION AND EVERY EVIL WORK.**

THE MARK OF GENUINE CHRISTIANITY

James 3:1-18

17 But **THE WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE** is first **PURE** (*hagnos - sacred, holy, free from sin*), then **PEACEABLE** (*eirēnikos - peaceful, bringing peace with it, from eirō - to join*), **GENTLE** (*epieikēs - yielding, mild, forbearing, equitable*), and **EASY TO BE INTREATED** (*euparedros - constantly attentive, already willing, easy to come to terms with, compliant*), **FULL OF MERCY** and **GOOD FRUITS, WITHOUT PARTIALITY, and WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.**

18 And **THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SOWN IN PEACE OF THEM THAT MAKE PEACE.**

Ephesians 4:29–32

29 **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.**

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour (*shouting, yelling*), and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Psalms 101:3-7

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5 **WHOSO PRIVILY** (*secretly, covert*) **SLANDERETH** (*accuse, wag the tongue*) **HIS NEIGHBOR, HIM WILL I CUT OFF:** him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

1 Corinthians 5:11-13

11 But now I have written unto you **NOT TO KEEP COMPANY,** if any man that is **CALLED A BROTHER** be a **FORNICATOR** (*sexually immoral*), or **COVETOUS** (*greedy of gain*), or an **IDOLATER** (*worshipper of false gods*), or a **RAILER** (*reviler, verbally abusive*), or a **DRUNKARD** (*intoxicated*), or an **EXTORTIONER** (*swindler, robber*); **WITH SUCH AN ONE NO NOT TO EAT.**

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. **THEREFORE PUT AWAY FROM AMONG YOURSELVES THAT WICKED PERSON.**