

### The Power Of The Tongue James 3:1-12

An old subject:

“Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth;  
keep the door of my lips” – Psalms 141:3

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue  
keepeth his soul from troubles” – Prov. 21:23

“If any man thinketh himself to be religious,  
while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth  
his heart, this man’s religion is vain.” – James  
1:26

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1. To Direct: verses 1-5

Teaching (verse 1):

Not discourage faithful teaching: John  
6:44-45; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Tim. 4:13-16

Stress accountability & give warning: Acts  
20:28-30; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 John 4:1-3

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
And they that love it shall eat the fruit  
thereof.” - Proverbs 18:22

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2. To Destroy: verses 5b-8

Satan’s flame-thrower & poison:

- Cursing: Ephesians 4:29; 5:3-4

- Slander: Proverbs 16:28; Romans 1:29-30

- Gossip: Proverbs 17:9

- Murmuring: 1 Corinthians 10:10

- Criticism: John 7:24

- Contentious words: Prov. 16:32; James 1:19-  
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3. To Deceive: Verses 9-12

Tongue used in pretense: James 1:26; 2:14; 1  
John 1:6, 8, 10

Our speech reveals who we are: Matthew  
12:34-35

Lying: Proverbs 6:16-17; Revelation 21:8

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“So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be  
judged by a law of liberty” – James 2:12

“And I say unto you, that every idle word that  
men shall speak, they shall give account thereof  
in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou  
shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt  
be condemned” – Matthew 12:36-37