

## James 3:2-12 (NLT) Controlling the Tongue

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

"Today will never come again.  
Be a Blessing to others.  
Be a friend. Encourage someone.  
Take time to care, kiss and hug.  
Let your words heal and not wound.  
SPEAK with Gracefulness,  
Poise and Beauty."

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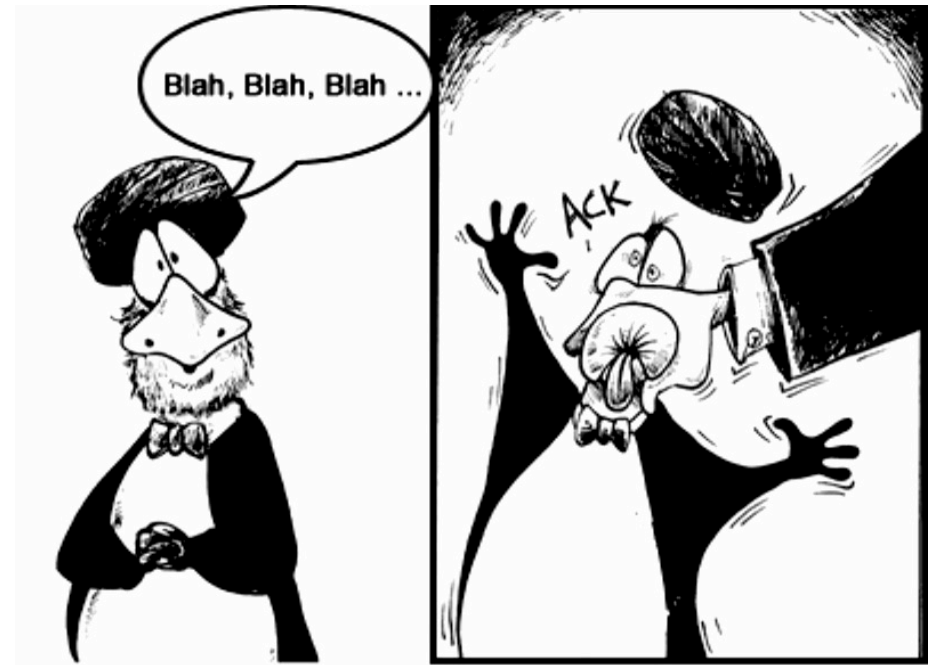
<sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, 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.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup> And so **blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth.** Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! <sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Control Your Mouth!



Ps 141:3 *Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;  
keep the door of my lips.* KJV

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Job 1:5 The Message (MSG)

<sup>4-5</sup> *His sons used to take turns hosting parties in their homes, always inviting their three sisters to join them in their merrymaking. When the parties were over, Job would get up early in the morning and sacrifice a burnt offering for each of his children, thinking, “**Maybe** one of them sinned by defying God inwardly.” Job made **a habit of this sacrificial atonement, just in case they’d sinned.***

Job 3:25-26 The Message (MSG)

***The worst of my fears has come true,***  
*what I’ve dreaded most has happened.*  
*My repose is shattered, my peace destroyed.*  
*No rest for me, ever—death has invaded life.”*

***Our words are a reflection of our heart!***

**2 Tim 2:17** *And their message spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort* – KJV

**Strong's Number G1044** matches the Greek γάγγραινα (gaggraina), which occurs 1 times in 1 verses in the Greek concordance.

- “a gangrene, a disease by which any part of the body suffering from inflammation becomes so corrupted that, unless a remedy be seasonably applied, the evil continually spreads, attacks other parts, and at last eats away the bones”

**What these men said, spread through the body of believers like a cancer, eating away at the integrity of The Word that they had been taught.**

Mark 11:23-24 American Standard Version (ASV)

*Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever** shall say unto this mountain, **Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it.***<sup>24</sup> *Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye <sup>[a]</sup>receive them, and ye shall have them.*

This mountain can apply to ANY challenge that you currently face! GOD almighty guarantees the results of what we confess (good or bad). Job 3:15



**Prov 15:4** *The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*

**Prov 18:21** *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. . NIV*