



Stewardship of the Tongue
James 3:1-12 and Proverbs



Introduction

“The boneless tongue, so small and weak, Can crush and kill,” declares the Greek

“The tongue destroys a greater horde,” the Turk asserts, “Than does the Sword.”

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- **The Hebrew's said “ your feet should slip, never let the tongue.”**
- **The tongue is small little organ in our mouth but has the power of life and death.**
- **Jesus warned us in Matthew 12:36-37 “ But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgement for every careless**

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- **Word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned.”**
- **The writer of Psalm 141 understood the significance of our words and pray to God in verse three “ Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.”**

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- **The book of Proverbs teaches us the power and problems our words and James writes so clearly in the third chapter, how our tongue can bring many blessings or total destruction in our life.**
- **Let us learn from the Word of God, how can we become good stewards of our tongue by Knowing its power, problem and proper use because one day we have to give account of every word. Jesus said by your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned.**

We will be held accountable for our words

- **Jesus said we will be held accountable for every word we have spoken.
Mt. 12:36-37**
- **James 3:1 says “ Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.”**

Power of the tongue

- **Tongue has the power to build, encourage and guide people. James 3:3-4**
- **Tongue has the power to bless people. Vs 9 and Pr. 15:4**
- **It has the power to praise God. Vs9**
- **Has the power to encourage. Pr. 10:11a; 20a,21a;12:14a;18b; 15:4a and 18:4, 20-21**

Problem of the tongue

- **Tongue has the power to destroy people. It is compared with fire, deadly poison and salt water by James in 3:1-12.**
- **Book of Proverbs have a list of great many sins committed with the tongue.**
- **Here is the list of those sins:**

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- **Lying. Pr. 6:16-17;10:18;12:19,22a ;17:4b,7 and 19: 5b, 9b, 22b.**
- **Slandering Pr. 10:18b and 30:10**
- **Gossiping. Pr. 11:13;16:28b;17:9b;18:8 and 26:20, 22**
- **Constant talking. Pr. 10:8a,10b,19; 17:28a**

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- **False witnessing. Pr. 12:17b; 14:b, 25b and 19:5a,28a.**
- **Quarreling. Pr. 13:10; 15:18; 17:14, 19 and 19:13.**
- **Flattering. Pr. 26:28b; 28:23 and 29:5.**
- **Deception. Pr. 26:24-25**

What Should We Do ?

- **Evaluate your tongue. Isaiah 6 and Psalm 141:3**
- **Pray. Ask God to clean your lips. Ps. 141:3**
- **Be accountable of your words. Isa. 6**
- **Listen before you speak. James 1:19**
- **Give the control of your tongue to the Holy Spirit. Difference between Genesis 11 and Acts 2 is the work of God the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit gives us the control on this powerful organ.**
- **Make a resolution that you will not sin with your mouth. Ps. 17:3**

Conclusion

- **Proverb 18:21 says “ The tongue has the power of life and death and those who love it will eat its fruit.”**
- **One day we will stand before Jesus Christ and will give account of every careless word.**
- **Let us be a good stewards of our tongue.**