

The Power of the Tongue

■ **Put Off The Old Man and Put On The New Man**

- **Ephesians 4:20-24** *But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*
- **Colossians 3:9-10** *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new [man] who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

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■ The Tongue Defiles The Man

- **James 3:2-12** *For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he [is] a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. [It is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh [water] and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.*

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– Do Not Swear Oaths

- » *Matthew 5:33-36 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.*
- » *James 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath.*

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– Don't Be Contentious

- » Proverbs 26:21 *[As] charcoal [is] to burning coals, and wood to fire, So [is] a contentious man to kindle strife.*
- » 1 Timothy 6:3-4 *If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,*
- » 2 Corinthians 12:20 *For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and [that] I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest [there be] contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;*
- » Titus 3:9-10 *But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. 10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,*
- » **Contend for the faith without being contentious!!!!**

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– Put away Lying

- » **Ephesians 4:25** Therefore, putting away lying, ["Let] each one [of you] speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
- » **Proverbs 6:16-19** These six [things] the LORD hates, Yes, seven [are] an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue,...19 A false witness [who] speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.
- » **Proverbs 17:4** An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.
- » **1 John 2:4** He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ...4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar...
- » **Revelation 21:8** "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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– **Do Not Curse, Or Blaspheme**

– **Definition: curse -- to call for or wish evil on someone.**

» **Matthew 15:4 "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'**

» **Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.**

– **Definition: blaspheme -- to speak against.**

» **Romans 2:24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.**

» **Acts 26:11 "And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled [them] to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted [them] even to foreign cities.**

» **1 Timothy 1:20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

» **Colossians 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.**

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– No Coarse Joking

- » *Ephesians 5:3-4* **But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.**
- » **filthiness** -- aischrotes {ahee-skhot'-ace}; 1) obscenity, **filthiness**
- » **foolish talking** -- morologia {mo-rol-og-ee'-ah} 1) foolish talking **i.e. buffoonery**
- » **coarse jesting** -- eutrapelia {yoo-trap-el-ee'-ah} (meaning well-turned, i.e. ready at repartee, jocose); 1) pleasantries, humor, facetiousness 2) in a bad sense 2a) scurrility, ribaldry, low **jesting**

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– Do Not Be A Talebearer

- » **Leviticus 19:16** *'You shall not go about [as] a talebearer among your people; ... I [am] the LORD.*
- » **Proverbs 11:13** *A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter. 16:28* *A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends. 18:8* *The words of a talebearer [are] like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body. 26:20* *Where [there is] no wood, the fire goes out; And where [there is] no talebearer, strife ceases.*
- » **Romans 1:29** *being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; [they are] whisperers,*
- » **2 Corinthians 12:20** *For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and [that] I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest [there be] contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;*

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– **Do Not Revile, Slander**

– **Definition: revile** -- To assail with abusive language.

» 1 Corinthians 5:11 *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner -- not even to eat with such a person.*

» 1 Corinthians 6:10 *nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.*

» 1 Peter 2:23 *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [Himself] to Him who judges righteously;*

– **Definition: slander** -- A false and malicious statement or report about someone.

» Proverbs 10:18 *Whoever hides hatred [has] lying lips, And whoever spreads slander [is] a fool.*

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– Do Not Gossip, Complain

- » Proverbs 17:9 *He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.*
- » 1 Timothy 5:13 *And besides they learn [to be] idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.*
- » Numbers 11:1 *Now [when] the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard [it,] and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed [some] in the outskirts of the camp.*
- » 1 Corinthians 10:10 *nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.*
- » Philippians 2:14 *Do all things without complaining and disputing,*
- » Jude 16 *These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling [words,] flattering people to gain advantage.*