

Sunday 12 July 2015  
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Acceptable Sins?  
Taming the Tongue



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# The Tongue

- Why?
- Warnings
- Wisdom

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But I tell you that everyone  
will have to give account  
on the day of judgment for  
every empty word they  
have spoken.

*Matthew 12:36*

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Quite simply the things we say -  
or fail to say - serve as a  
barometer of our Christian  
character. The ability to master  
our words is both a metric and a  
mark of our spiritual maturity.

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The tongue has the power of  
life and death.

*Proverbs 18:21a*

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The mouths of fools  
are their undoing,  
and their lips are a snare  
to their very lives.

*Proverbs 18:7*

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Set a guard over  
my mouth, LORD;  
keep watch over the door  
of my lips.

*Psalm 141:3*

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Those who guard their  
mouths and their tongues  
keep themselves from  
calamity.

*Proverbs 21:23*

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:9*

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My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

*James 1:19*

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With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

*James 3:9*

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Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

*Ephesians 4:29*

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9. Have a good heart

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Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognised by its fruit... For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

*Matthew 12:33-34*

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Finally, brothers & sisters, whatever is true,  
whatever is noble, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable –  
if anything is excellent or  
praiseworthy – think about such things.

*Philippians 4:8*

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Is it true  
Is it kind  
Is it necessary



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10. Be accountable

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