



Purifying A Poisoned Tongue

James 3:7-10

NEVER MISS A GOOD CHANCE



TO SHUT UP



A Powerful Instrument

- **Proverbs 18:21** - Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- **Proverbs 18:6-7** - ⁶A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. ⁷A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul. (ESV).



A Powerful Instrument

- **Proverbs 15:1-3, 4** - ¹A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. ²The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness...⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



A Powerful Instrument

- **Proverbs 6:16-19** - ¹⁶These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷A proud look, a **lying tongue**, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹A **false witness who speaks lies**, and **one who sows discord among brethren.**



Taming The Untamable

- **Proverbs 21:23** - Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.
- **James 1:26** - If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.
- **Ephesians 4:29** – Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. (NASB)



The Not So Secret, Secret Matthew 12:33-37

- **James 4:1** - Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?
- **Proverbs 22:11** - He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend.
- **Proverbs 15:28** - The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.



The Not So Secret, Secret

Matthew 12:33-37

- **A Pure Heart Speaks With Sincerity**
- Proverbs 26:23-28
- **A Pure Heart Speaks With Compassion**
- Proverbs 24:17, 29; Genesis 50:21; Proverbs 19:11
- **A Pure Heart Speaks With Humility**
- Proverbs 13:10; Titus 3:1-7

What Have You Been Talking About?

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.