

Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C Bible Band

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BELIEVERS MUST TAME THE TONGUE

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Background Scripture: James 3:1-12

1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.



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Background Scripture: James 3:1-12

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.



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Background Scripture: James 3:1-12

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.



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Background Scripture: James 3:1-12

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.



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Background Scripture: Psalm 12:3

1 Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.



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Background Scripture: Psalm 37:30

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

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Background Scripture: Job 20:16

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.



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Background Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:2

1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.



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Background Scripture: Proverbs 10:31; Proverbs 18:21

Prov. 10:31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

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



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Devotional Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.



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Devotional Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.



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Devotional Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



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Central Verse: James 3:8, KJV

But the tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.



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INTRODUCTION

Words are powerful and sometimes people live with the regret of using the wrong words in certain situations and **carry the guilt of words that were spoken for years.** This is when believers need to understand that God can and will give forgiveness for those words that were spoken. If we ask Him, He will give us wisdom concerning the words that we spoke. James tells the believer that no man can tame the tongue, it makes sense that only a power greater than man has the power to do so.



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INTRODUCTION

Sometimes we must recognize our limitations and know that we serve a God who has no limitations. We must learn how to release some things into the powerful hand of God. Since no man can tame the tongue and it needs to be tamed, it is time to turn the tongue over to God.



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DISCUSSION

In the early Church, the Saints used to sing, “My whole body belongs to God,” this included the tongue. James called the tongue an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. No one wants deadly poison except to cause destruction, or to bring death. The power of death and life is in the tongue because the same tongue that can speak positive words and build things up, can speak destructive words and destroy everything in sight.



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DISCUSSION

We need to work on our tongues as we go about the business of the day. For if a man is in Jesus, he becomes a new creature. Where he used to just let filthy words, curses, or whatever come out of his mouth, he now says, I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. We need to be careful about the words we speak. If we feels the wrong thoughts coming, we know how to ask God to keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking lies.



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The same tongue that can give praises to God, can give curses for the devil. God does not want us to use our tongues to bless Him and try to bless the devil at the same time. Because sweet and bitter water does not come from the same fountain. James said the tongue is a fire, and it only takes a small spark to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word can ruin the lives of people. It can ruin a world, break up families, start wars, ruin lifetime friendships, and turn harmony into chaos.



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We have the knowledge to put a bit in the mouth of a horse that will control the whole horse. A small rudder on a large ship in the hands of a trained captain sets a course in the strongest wind. But the tongue which is one of the smallest members of the body cannot be tamed by man. Man can tame fierce wild animals like tigers, and he can tame and train birds, snakes, and dogs, but he cannot tame his tongue. We must learn to put our lives in the hand of the Lord Jesus Christ and ask him to “let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be accepted in thy sight.” knowing that it is beyond our ability.



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DISCUSSION

David understood that his **words without direction from God could be destructive** because our thoughts are not the same as God's thoughts. Most of the time what a man thinks becomes the words that they speak. We need to **make it a lifetime habit of consulting God before we speak into all situations.** We must think before we speak, and practice saying good and positive words daily. God knows how to help us perfect our words. Sometimes a person shouldn't say anything, to avoid being sorry later.



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When we use our tongue for good, others will be impacted. Psalm 71:24 says they that seek his hurt shall be brought to shame. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, for kind words heal and help. When we do not tame our tongue, we will devise mischief, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully among others, causing problems for ourself as well as others. The devil loves helping church goers get into situations that become problematic for them.



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DISCUSSION

He will get us in trouble with our mouths and leave us to stew in the situation, sometimes wondering how we got in such a situation. Each person born in this world is born with a sinful nature because when Adam sinned, sin was imputed to every human. Inside every person is the possibility of hatred, bitterness, jealousy, and pride. It doesn't take much for Satan to give humans a little push to find ourselves partnering with Satan wreaking havoc with our tongue everywhere.



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CONCLUSION

Everything evil that relates to the old way of living must go. Sinners know how rotten things were, for there were no boundaries. Sinners just say whatever comes to mind, but with Jesus, we have taken on a new way of life, fashioned after God. No more lies, no more pretense, nor speaking confusion between neighbors. We remember that we are a part of the body of Christ and the more we yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, the more the Holy Spirit will help us conquer the tongue. It takes the power of the resurrected Christ within us to control the tongue. This is one of the things that are impossible with men, but possible with God.



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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

Only the power of God can tame what
man cannot tame.



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